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Chickasaws to be inducted into Hall of Fame

The Chickasaw Nation will host the 11th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. at Murray State College.

Last year's inductees were Helen James and Chenena Roach.

Mrs. James was employed by the Chickasaw Nation from 1974 to 1991. She was committed to making a difference in the lives of those around her. She helped in setting up the Kullihoma Alcohol/Drug Treatment Center, which she managed. Her commitment was contagious; her employees and counselors had the same desire she had to make people whole again. Mrs. James died in October 1991. On April 22, 1992, the Chickasaw Nation Kullihoma Alcohol/Drug Treatment Center was renamed the Helen James building.

Mrs. Roach worked for the Oklahoma state government for 38 years, retiring from the Oklahoma Tax Commission in 1991. Since her retirement, she has dedicated her life to promoting and preserving the history, culture and heritage of the Chickasaw Nation and its

mer Governor Overton James, convinced their mother Vinnie Mae Humes and their stepfather, Reverend Jesse Humes, to provide a written translation of the Chickasaw language. This resulted in the first Chickasaw Dictionary, published in 1973. In addition to many other activities, including helping with oral translation tapes of the Chickasaw language, she serves on the Chickasaw Historical Society Board of Directors.

Past Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductees include: astronaut Cmdr. John Bennett Herrington (U.S.N.), legendary performer and dancer Helen TeAta Gale Cole, former U.S. Department of Interior Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Neal McCaleb, and pioneering aviatrix Pearl Scott.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

HINAFALLA (Final) by Jeannie Barbour is the official artwork for this year's Annual Meeting and Festival.

Briggs, Green reelected; Alexander and Flowers in Panola run-off

Chickasaw Tribal Legislators elected to new terms

Linda Briggs

Mary Jo Green

Beth Alexander

Ellen Flowers

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder announced winners of tribal elections August 17.

Incumbent legislator Mary Jo Green was reelected to Pontotoc District, Seat Five, with 60 percent of the vote – 1,850 votes. Rodney Brown received 958 votes or 31 percent, and Heath Allison received 252 votes or 8 percent.

In the Pickens District, Seat Three contest, incumbent Linda Briggs received 72 percent of the vote – 1,394 votes. Challenger Kathleen Whitefield received 27 percent of the vote or 526 votes.

There will be a run-off election for Panola District, Seat One between Beth Alexander and Ellen J. Flowers. In that race, incumbent Alexander received 44 percent of the vote, and Flowers received 30 percent. Rena Lou Duncan received 25 percent of the vote and did not qualify for the run-off.

Run-off ballots for Panola District, Seat One were mailed August 30. Ballots must be returned no later than 10:30 a.m. Sept. 21.

For information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
July 16, 2004

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright

Member absent: Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, David Mitchell, Legislative Legal Assistant

Guests present: James A. Humes, Chris Redmond, Summer Stick, Kay Perry, Jordan L. Epps

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mrs. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 21, 2004 (Tabled 6/18/04)
June 18, 2004

Dr. Goforth Parker noted an announcement was made at the May 21 session stating the reason she was not present at the meeting. She asked that the announcement be included in the minutes. The announcement of her absence was due to her attendance at the Centers for Disease Control, Health Resources and Services Administration and Advisory Committee, in Washington D. C. Her appointment to the committee was a presidential appointment.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to amend the May 21, 2004 minutes to include the announcement explaining her absence be included in the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The amendment carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the May 21, 2004 minutes, as amended. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the May 21, 2004 minutes, as amended, carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to approve the June 18, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the June 18, 2004 minutes carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Dr. Goforth Parker gave the report in the absence of Chairman Steve Woods. She reported the committee met, however, there were no resolutions to consider.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

Mr. Scott Colbert reported there were no resolutions to consider.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number GR21-073, Authorization for One-Time Funding for the Head Start Program

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's supplemental grant application for one-time funds to improve and enhance operations of the Head Start Program. The application seeks funding to assist the program in health and safety and licensing issues.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-073. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holy Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-073 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number GR21-074, Authorization for Cost of Living Allowance For the Head Start Program

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is currently funded to serve 256 children.

This resolution seeks funding to increase funding to enhance operations of the Chickasaw Nation's Head Start funding application.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is funded by the Congressional Head Start Act through the DHHS Head Start Bureau, American Indian Programs branch. As a federally recognized Indian Tribe, the Chickasaw Nation applies for the continuation of services grant each year.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-074. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holy Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-073 carried unanimously.

Mrs. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 21-066, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 1.41 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-066. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Mr. Seawright stated he was not in support of the resolutions because the Legislature was not informed of the asking or appraisal prices. However, he would support the three resolutions he was familiar with.

Mrs. Alexander reiterated Mr. Seawright's comments.

Dr. Goforth Parker explained the reason for not providing the asking and appraisal prices was due to the information in the past having been divulged to the press which could hinder the purchase of the property. She assured the group that the Nation would not go above the fair market value price and is not allowed to go more than 10% above appraised value.

Mr. Tim Colbert stated it was his understanding that the procedures for acquiring property would be reviewed.

Mrs. Hartman felt the Legislators had the right to know the price of the property because they may not agree with the market value price of property.

Chairperson Briggs stated guidelines needed to be addressed through the Ethics Commission, on repercussions for divulging confidential information given out in committee meetings.

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott called for the question. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,
Tim Colbert, Holy Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

It's time to gather and celebrate in Tishomingo!

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

Calling all Chickasaws!

Whether you live near or far, I sincerely hope you will make plans to come and join us for the 2004 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival, September 25 through October 3 in our historic capital city of Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Our Annual Meeting and Festival have certainly grown over the years. Thousands of Chickasaws and others now make the annual trip to celebrate our Chickasaw heritage and enjoy this special gathering.

And this year, more than ever, is a great time to be in Tishomingo.

There are now many, many unique and inspiring events to engage everyone in the family.

As always, Annual Meeting and Festival events are centered at the historic Tishomingo capitol grounds. School children from around the area will come visit us and enjoy cultural tours and demonstrations all week long.

Following the September 25 daytime Junior Olympics, volleyball tournament and slow-pitch softball tournament, that Saturday evening will feature the popular Youth Night at the old movie theatre in downtown Tishomingo.

On Monday evening, the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center will be the setting for the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant. This important and enjoyable event will see new Chickasaw royalty selected as

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

we bid farewell to our 2003-2004 royalty who have represented us so well.

Tuesday will feature the Cultural Evening and Cultural Scout Night at the historic Kullihoma grounds east of Ada.

Wednesday will feature the Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts and Crafts show on the capitol grounds, as well as the JC Riding Club Rodeo at the TeePee Arena in Tishomingo.

Thursday evening will feature the annual Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame Banquet at Murray State College. We will honor several Chickasaws for their life achievements. During the day Thursday, the Youthful Celebration will be hosted at Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge and the Chickasaw Artists' Exhibition will begin on the second floor of the historic capitol.

Friday will see the continuation of many events, plus the fast-pitch softball tournaments.

Saturday, October 5 will feature the Annual Meeting, beginning at 9 a.m. at Murray College Fletcher Auditorium, and the always-popular parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Tishomingo's Main Street. The annual Chickasaw Lunch will begin at noon. There will be activities at Pennington Park all afternoon.

The "Band Day Extravaganza" will run all afternoon at Tishomingo High School, and people will have the opportunity to see some wonderful high school bands. Our Chickasaw Dance Troupe, along with other dancers, will perform on the capitol grounds beginning at 1 p.m. The Saturday evening will wrap up with a fireworks display and a concert by country star Lorie Morgan.

Won't you please come and join us this year? This annual gathering is your opportunity for the whole family to enjoy our Chickasaw culture.

We look forward to seeing you this year in Tishomingo!

Youth Services hosts picnic, salutes volunteers

The 2004 Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Volunteer Awards Day and was August 14 at Turner Falls Park in Davis, Okla.

A volunteer picnic and an awards presentation were established to celebrate a host of caring and contributing individuals along with providing entertainment for the whole family, said Deanna Kendall, tribal youth services director.

Following the picnic and awards presentation, guests were invited to spend the day enjoying the park's many outdoor activities.

"I can truly say thank you honorees for your time, resources and energy given to benefit our youth," Kendall said.

This year's volunteer award recipients included: Luis Alvarez, Angel Alvarez, Robert Anderson, Courtney Anderson, Leslie Ayres, Frances Barrett, Monte Barton, John Bell, Lisa Bell, Felicia Berry, Carrie Black, Tim Brown, Sharon Brown, Jay Capehart, Janice Capehart, Steve Chandler and Alaina Chandler.

Also, Aurelia Chaney, Sue Clark, Alan Cowley, Kent Decker, Lori Eddy, John Edwards, Tewanna Edwards, Lisa England, Debra Evans, Ronnie Fondren, Renee Fondren, Chance Freeman, Sarah Frye, Mitzi Fulton, Roy Fulton, Sr., Vernice Givens, Sherran Glinn and family, Mary Hardoin, Marlene Herrin, Wes Hillard, Caroline Holt and Elisa Hudson.

Dalton Gains, 13, enjoys the afternoon at the 2004 Volunteer Awards Day and Picnic at Turner Falls

Also, Russell Hudson, Joe Jefferson, Angie Jeffries, Deborah Jones, Tracy Jones, Bill Lance, Paul Luna, Stefanie Luna, J.D. Malaney, Patricia Marsh, Mick Marsh, Judy May, Tracy McCoy, Chris McGee, Robyn MeLemore, Traci Miller, John Paul, Geary Pittman, Gwen Postoak, Ronald Schultz, Shannon Shirley and Couita Shultz and family.

Also, Gregg Skinner, Connie Skinner, Kim Smith, Stacy Stewart, Amy Stinson, Juanita Thomas, Bobbye Thomas, Drawn Together, Jenny Trett, J.D. Underwood, Gina Underwood, Nancy Wade, Randy Wade, James Wallace, Norma Wallace, Vaughn Wand, Tony Webb, Mike Wells, Scott Wingo, Tricia Wood and Valerie Yocum.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

Youth Services Director Deanna Kendall presents Randy Wade, of Ravia, Okla., with his volunteer award.

Chickasaws sought for Cultural Center interviews

Chickasaw people of all ages and all walks of life are being asked to share their life experiences, stories, wisdom and opinions to assist in the making of the Orientation Theater film for the Chickasaw Cultural Center. The Center is scheduled to open in 2006 near Sulphur, Okla.

The team from Batwin + Robin Productions, designer and producer of the Orientation Theater multi-media experience at the new Cultural Center, is looking for Chickasaw men, women and children, professionals and students, homemakers and workers, scientists, politicians and everyone else who would like to be interviewed on camera for possible inclusion in the film.

The filmed interviews will be conducted during the Annual Meeting in Tishomingo. If you are interested in participating and want to be considered for this exciting film project about what is to be Chickasaw, culture and traditions, and everyday life, please contact Pam Kanuch in the Chickasaw Cultural Center office at (580) 436-7207.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Education changes offer more opportunities for students

Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello to everyone as we prepare to wrap up one year and begin another (on our Chickasaw time clock!!).

Except for one run-off race the elections are over and all candidates should be commended for running such "clean" campaigns. Not in any race did it ever seem to become really unpalatable. I do believe our citizens appreciate more being told what the candidate will attempt to do for our citizens rather than being derogatory about the opponent. Anyway, for me personally the race is over and I am greatly humbled and relieved (in probably equal measure!!). And I am grateful beyond description for the opportunity to continue working for our citizens.

On with other happenings - Everywhere activities are ongoing for the Annual Festival which will begin September 25 and continue through October 2. Many activities will occur during this very special week including art shows, recognition of very special Chickasaws who achieve the honored status of being inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame and the contest and selection of new Chickasaw princesses. Much talent is on view in that contest and the decision is never an easy one, I am sure, for those selected to be the judges. Our Chickasaw princesses traditionally do an outstanding job representing our tribe and we are all so proud of the job they do.

Even with all the activities and planning for the Festival, our work continues in the Legislature. Our big project at the moment is the passing of the annual budget. Much work has gone into that entire process and Chairman of the Finance Committee Scott Colbert is to be commended for his efforts on that behalf. A lot of study and planning is necessary, as you can imagine, to be sure all areas for service to our citizens are covered and our growth pattern remains secure.

I hope your calendars are marked to attend this Festival and your travel shoes are by the door! We will happily be looking forward to seeing you there. 'Till then - take care and may God bless all of you.

Linda Briggs

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday

D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Visit to the homeland makes history come alive

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Tupelo, Mississippi is what we as Chickasaws originally call our home land. This area was our home prior to the removal process that brought us to Oklahoma.

I recently had the opportunity to travel with Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel to Tupelo. We were accompanied by Legislator Scott Colbert, historian Richard Green, and cultural resources director Kirk Perry. In spite of the popular belief that Tupelo is remembered mostly for Elvis Presley, I will always remember it as our home.

We first traveled to the home of local resident Steve Cook. Steve was fortunate to have been raised in Tupelo. He spent his childhood years collecting beads and pottery sherds that we left behind. He has spent a lifetime studying the Tupelo area where we lived. I wish you could talk to him; he made history come alive. Steve invited us into his home which is wooden structure built to replicate an 1840s home. All of his furniture is from that same time period. It really seemed we had walked into the past.

We walked out on the back porch and looked to the east over the Coonewah Creek. Steve showed us several maps that outlined the various villages that the Chickasaws occupied in the 1700s and 1800s. The historic Natchez Trace crosses near the porch where we were standing. As we looked out over the valley, you could imagine that you were hearing the sounds of Chickasaw children playing, dogs barking, and the life sounds of a village taking place. It felt so real . . . I would almost smell the smoke from camp fires.

Tupelo, Mississippi now occupies another village site that was called the Big Prairie. This was a very large village that we occupied. Big Prairie could be viewed from the porch of the Cook home. What would these Chickasaws think about us?

We were a courageous Nation. Imaging picking up your belongings and moving West to an unknown home. They gave up much of their way of life with that move to Oklahoma. I believe that we should learn as much as we can about our ancestors, and I will support tribal efforts to do so.

As we left the home of Steve Cook, both Scott and I picked up the white fossilised sea shells and pottery shards that are found in the Tupelo area. Our people used the shells to add to the clay base when making pottery. My piece of pottery contained white flecks of those shells. I was actually holding the handiwork of a Chickasaw that took place over two enturies ago. The experience reminded me of holding my grandmother's china and thinking of the times she had washed this very same plate I was washing. It was a moving experience.

Another highlight of our trip was meeting with archeologist Jessica Campbell and Mayor Larry Otis. I will keep you updated on any further developments as we continue to work with the city of Tupelo. We would like to institute a program which makes people visiting Tupelo aware that the Chickasaw Nation had been there. Please write to me if you have any questions at jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Legislator
Seat 2, Pontotoc District

Thank you from Linda Briggs!

I am humbled and overwhelmed by the voter response on my behalf and by my reelection. Beyond measure, I thank you and I will continue working hard for all of you. Thank you for the privilege and opportunity.!

Most sincerely,
Linda Briggs

THANK YOU FROM MARY JO GREEN PONTOTOC DIST. SEAT #5

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people who voted for me in this year's election. I thank each and every one of you and the God I serve for the blessing and opportunity to serve you the next 3 years. May God bless you and our Chickasaw Nation!

Health System planning for equipment, staff

Mary Jo Green

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! It is hard to believe that July and August have come and gone and the children are back in school already. It seems that each year moves by faster.

Bill Lance, Health System Administrator, met with the Committee on August 16 and reported on the Health System. The total number of hospitalizations at Carl Albert for July was 213 and a three-month total was 636. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,238 for June and 40,574 for the last three months. Emergency Room visits were 1,070 in June and 3,073 in the last three months. The number of surgeries for June was 204 and 672 for the last three months. The Same-day Clinic (formerly known as Urgent Care Clinic) saw 2,633 patients in June and 7,794 in the last three months.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,268 patients in June and 13,719 in the last three months. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,910 for June and 8,605 in the last three months. The Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,778 patients in June and 7,467 in the last three months. The Durant Clinic saw 2,564 patients in June and 7,354 in the last three months. The total number of patients seen in the last three months for all clinics is 78,355.

Other Health System news includes the following: The Health System was not able to renew its contract with Arbuckle Hospital in Sulphur to take patients subject to Emergency Orders of Detention. Those patients will now be admitted to Carl Albert Hospital in McAlester. An imaging center, including CTScan, MRI and flouroscope is in the planning stage. Fiscal Year 2004 has witnessed the most third party collections yet at the Health System. Dr. Glen Lytle has been added to the Carl Albert staff as a general surgeon. Dr. Kim Hill will be moving from the Tishomingo Clinic to Carl Albert and Dr. London will be practicing general dentistry in Tishomingo.

The Health System is trying to add joint replacement surgery at Carl Albert Hospital. If they are successful, Carl Albert will be the first Indian hospital to provide joint replacements.

The Education Department reported that a total of 18 students participated in JOM summer enrichment programs and 14 students attended the leadership conference. For the Fall Semester, 448 clothing grants have been issued along with 47 graduate scholarships, 343 undergraduate scholarships, 346 tribal grants and 254 supplemental grants. We are pleased that so many Chickasaw students are attending school and that the Chickasaw Nation is able to assist with grants and scholarships!

For your information, my articles are now located on Chickasaw.net web site. As always, I invite any comments or questions you may have. Please contact me through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! May God bless our health care providers and also our Indian people that they may be in better health in the coming year. Thank you.

Milo-Woodford comes together on water issues

Wanda Blackwood Scott

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma!

It was my great pleasure to attend a celebration dinner hosted by the Milo-Woodford Community Association on August 17.

During that dinner, Governor Anoatubby and I were presented with "The Bucket of Water Award," which was a high honor for both of us. This special award is presented for work on preserving and protecting the quality water of the community.

I must also mention Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator Bill Lance, who has been so kind and generous to the Association.

The dinner was a celebration of phase one of the Milo-Woodford Water Project. This marks an important milestone in providing ample, clean water to this community. The people of the Milo-Woodford community are very strong and courageous and each works hard for the community.

Literally hundreds of Chickasaw and other Indian students participated in this summer's Upward Bound program. A total of 750 students were involved, with over 600 from our area. Upward Bound helps teach kids about education opportunities and the importance of life choices. This important program also provides much student interaction and sharing of hopes and dreams.

The Chickasaw Foundation last month awarded over $26,000 in scholarships. A total of 12 Chickasaw students were selected from the many applicants. Chris Carpenter of Ada, an engineering major at the University of Tulsa, received the prestigious John Bennett Herrington Scholarship.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival in Tishomingo!

Thank you for reading my column and I look forward to hearing from you by letter, phone call home telephone 580-788-4730; office phone 580-436-4594; or email to scottdes@telepath.com.

Chickasaw girl leads soccer team

Sarah and Johnny Colbert

Sarah Colbert, of Carrollton, Texas, is a six and one-half year-old soccer player who recently scored her 100th goal. Sarah plays for the Fire Angels, who just registered the team's 23rd straight victory. Sarah leads her team with a 3.06 per game goal average.

Sarah is the daughter of Johnny Colbert, who is also her coach.

Committee Reports

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee
August 9, 2004
Present: Scott Colbert, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Judy Goforth Parker (protempore)
Absent: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Education Committee
August 9, 2004
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker
Absent: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

Land Development Committee
August 9, 2004
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus
Absent: Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Historic Capitol - Ad Hoc Committee
August 9, 2004
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker
Absent: Linda Briggs

Finance Committee
August 9, 2004
Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott
Absent: Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

August 16, 04
Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Legislative Committee
August 9, 2004
Present: Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright
Absent: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Human Resources Committee
August 9, 2004
Present: Dean McManus, Melvin Burris, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Judy Goforth Parker
Absent: Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Health Committee
August 16, 2004
Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wilson Sea-

Kingston, San Antonio, Houston scheduled

Judicial officers to visit Community Councils

Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

August, once again, has proven to be a wonderful time of the year. The children are returning to school, football season will be in full swing soon, and fall/winter are just around the corner. The Judicial Department is planning some exciting visits with Community Councils, both in Oklahoma and in Texas. At this time, our schedule is as follows for Community Council visits. Please join us at any of these locations if you get the opportunity, we would love to see all of you.

- September 14, 2004 – Kingston, Okla. Community Council meeting
- September 16, 2004 – San Antonio, Texas Community Council meeting
- September 18, 2004 – Houston, Texas Community Council meeting

Justice Smith attended a training conference in Reno, Nevada. This conference, **"Dispute Resolution Techniques for Tribal Justice Systems,"** offers suggestions on dispute resolutions in Tribal courts. Justice Smith always returns from her travels with a wealth of information and suggestions for the courts.

Justice Smith continues to work diligently to establish a Peacemaking Court in our current court system. Justice Smith held our first Peacemaking retreat at Wintersmith Lodge on August 11, 2004. Look for her article on the Peacemaking Retreat in the Judicial Section of *the Chickasaw Times*.

I attended the Chickasaw Nation Scholarship reception held on July 27, 2004. The Chickasaw Nation provided 15 students with scholarships for their hard work and dedication to their studies. We are very, very proud of our youth today.

Our Chickasaw Nation Bar Association continues to grow; we have 50 members of the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association at this time. To show our appreciation to the members, the Judicial Department is cordially inviting the Bar Association members to the first Chickasaw Nation Bar Association Meeting to be held on September 9, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Ada Elks Lodge. The Bar members will have an opportunity to elect officers and plan for the coming year. All attendees who are current members and those who are interested in joining the Chickasaw Bar Association will have their $50.00 association dues waived for the year 2005. Lunch will be provided and guest speakers will be Professor Dennis Arrow from Oklahoma City University Law School and Steve Hager, managing attorney from Oklahoma Indian Legal Services. Two hours of CLE credit approval is pending. For registration please contact Jason Burwell, Supreme Court Clerk, and (580) 235-0281.

Wayne Joplin, District Court Clerk and I attended the dinner honoring U.S. Congressman, Tom Cole, August 12, 2004. What a wonderful evening we had! I had the opportunity to see many friends as well as celebrate our pride in Congressman Tom Cole. Mr. Cole is a wonderful Chickasaw and a great example of leadership, dedication and an inspiration to all.

Justice Mark Colbert was unopposed in his re-election for Supreme Court Justice Seat No. 1. We are honored to have Justice Colbert in the Judicial Department. Congratulations to Justice Colbert.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

The Chickasaw Nation District Court opened an additional 48 new cases in July to bring the total NEW cases opened in seven (7) months to 227 cases.

The Court Advocates have provided services to 128 clients in July to bring the total of clients seen in the last seven (7) months to 727 clients.

If you have an opportunity, please visit our webpage at www.Chickasaw.net

We are very appreciative of the feedback on our Judicial article. If you have questions about the activities in the judicial department, please contact me at (580) 235-0281.

August 2004 Resolution results

General Resolution Number 21-065

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 4.0 acres, more or less, in Sulphur, located at 1801 W. 18th Street, Murray County, Oklahoma, described as Part of the NE/4 of Section 33, Township 1 North, Range 3 East of the Indian Meridian, Murray County, Oklahoma, and being more particularly described as follows: The West 528.0 feet of the S/2 of the SE/4 of the SW/4 of the NE/4 of said Section 33. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, is such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General/Permanent Resolution Number 21-075

Appropriating Funds to Expand the Chuka Chukmasi Program

Explanation: This resolution authorized the creation of revolving funds for both home construction and home improvement loans. Chuka Chukmasi currently provides funding for home loans and this expansion of the program will allow participants to have greater access to loan funds in order to construct a new home or improve an existing home. The overall purpose is to better meet the housing needs of Chickasaw citizens.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: D. Scott Colbert, Chairman Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-076

Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for Indian Health Service Tribal Management Grant

Project Abstract: The Chickasaw Nation Health System will hire a contractor to install and execute consolidation software and provide training to Chickasaw Nation staff performing support activities. This initiative will include appropriate collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation Information Technology Department and various departments of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-077

Oil and Gas Lease in Atoka County

(Tribal Tract No. 830)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, P.O. Box 18496, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154-0496, has submitted an acceptable bid of $328.00 per acre for a total bonus of $26,240.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $6,560.00, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as an undivided 1/2 mineral interest in and to the NE/4 of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 13 East, Atoka County, Oklahoma, containing 160.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $240.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $60.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-078

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

(Tribal Tract-McAlester Watershed)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, P.O. Box 18496, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154-0496, who has submitted an acceptable bid of $178.00 per acre for a total bonus of $14,385.96, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $3,596.49, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as Lot 1 and the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 15 East, Pittsburg, County, Oklahoma, containing 80.82 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $242.46, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $60.62 per annual, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby,

*See **Resolutions,** page 32*

Gathering of Peacemakers

Focus on resolving disputes; adversary element targeted

Barbara Smith
Supreme Court Justice

On August 11, 2004, the Judicial Department called for the first Gathering of the Peacemakers. Invitations were sent out to all those who had volunteered and requested to be contacted. If we inadvertently left you off of the contact list, please let us know. We would be happy to have you join us.

The first Gathering of the Peacemakers was wonderful. Kathleen Stoner, Melvin Stoner, Bob Cole, Ruth Cole, Elaine Griffith, Smith Cole, Jason Burwell and Barbara Smith all arrived around 10:00 a.m. at Wintersmith Lodge in Ada. The setting was beautiful. Wintersmith Lodge is in a park with amazing trees and foliage overlooking a beautiful, small lake with a fountain in the middle. There were large Canadian Geese wandering the park with other ducks and geese. We had a heavy rain that morning, so it was an unusually cool, wet August morning. We couldn't have orchestrated a more peaceful setting than was provided that morning.

Jason Burwell, the Clerk of the Supreme Court, wore his Ribbon Shirt in honor of the occasion and in honor of the Friendship Dance that began our day. Leerene Frazier led us in prayer in our Chickasaw language. Farron Culley then led us in the traditional Friendship Dance with the assistance of Jason Burwell, Leeiene Frazier, Jason Carpenter, and Kelly Lunsford. Farron, Leerene and Kelly joined Jason in traditional Chickasaw apparel. Farron, Leerene and Jason wore the traditional ribbon shirts and Kelly wore a traditional ribbon dress. Kelly, also wore turtle shells on her ankles that were used as shakers in the Friendship Dance.

As the men faced the east and the women faced the west, the men began to sing. We all joined hands and followed the lead of Farron in the circle of dance. The Friendship Dance helped us honor the day, leave our problems behind, bring unity and open ourselves anew to the gathering before us. We were honored to have such a wonderful beginning. Many thanks to those who joined us.

With a beautiful beginning, we gathered in a Talking Circle and began with an experience we will all not soon forget. The power of the circle and the talk was inspiring. We used a talking stick that my nephew, Sammy, had given me after hearing my stories of the power of the Talking Circles. I knew he would be very proud and honored to share this with us.

We spent the day talking of peace, peacemakers, wisdom and healing. Newton (Chock) and Margaret Melville, who unfortunately could not attend, shared with me a beautiful book titled WISDOMKEEPERS: Meetings with Native American Spiritual Elders, by Steve Wall and Harvey Arden. We shared several passages and stories from the book that helped us to be mindful of Indian ways. The Judicial Department provided all Peacemakers with a book titled Peacemaking Circles by Kay Pranis, Mark Wedge, and Barry Stuart. We are hopeful that this book will help us develop our process and train our Peacemakers.

The Judicial Department catered a beautiful lunch for us to share. District Court Judge Aaron Duck joined us for lunch, along with District Court Clerk Wayne Joplin, Deputy District Court Clerk Tamara Dresser, and Judicial Clerk Connie Tillery.

As a group, we have begun the groundwork for establishing our Peacemaking Process and finding those who will be our Peacemakers. We are hopeful that our Peacemakers will help our people resolve disputes without the adversarial element and will bring healing to our community.

Our next Gathering will be August 26, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Wintersmith Lodge in Ada. We have planned

join us at any point. So, we are hopeful those who are interested will join us. Personally, I have found that my participation is not only beneficial to establishing the Peacemaking Process, but is also enriching my life as a Chickasaw.

Please join us. Contact Jason Burwell, Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Office, if you would like to join us at (580)235-0281. He will be happy to assist you with questions or concerns.

Peace be with you,
Barbara Anne Smith
Supreme Court Justice of the Chickasaw Nation

Justice Barbara Smith, left, and the Peacemakers discuss the peacemaking process at the first Peacemaking Retreat conducted at Wintersmith Lodge in Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw Princess Pageant slated for Sept. 27 at Ada High School

ADA, Okla. – The public is invited to attend the 2004 Chickasaw Princess Pageant at the Ada Cougar Activity Center by Ada High School Sept. 27 at 6 p.m.

Winners of Little Miss Chickasaw, Junior Miss Chickasaw and Miss Chickasaw will be announced during the ceremony. Pageant winners will begin their reign a few days later when Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby crowns them at the Chickasaw Annual Meeting.

The princesses are judged on interviewing skills, traditional Chickasaw dress, answering random questions, talent competition and poise on stage.

The Chickasaw Princesses have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princess goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

The princesses serve as ambassadors on behalf of Chickasaw people traveling to over 40 events across several states each year.

The 2003-2004 Chickasaw Princesses who will soon complete their reign are: Chickasaw Princess Kasie McDonald, Junior Miss Chickasaw Erin Brown and Little Miss Chickasaw Nakita Parnacher.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

For students grades three through 12

Free after-school art classes available

ADA, Okla. – Enrollment applications are now available for the Chickasaw Nation's After School Art Program, open to students in grades three through 12.

Class will be conducted from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. each Friday, beginning October 8 at the Youth and Family Services Building, 224 Rosedale Road, Ada.

The deadline to enroll is September 30. Enrollment applications can be picked up at the Youth and Family Services Building or the Arts and Humanities building, 815 North Mississippi.

The Chickasaw Nation arts in education program is offering the class to provide art instruction and awareness of the cultural aspects in art.

This is a tribal program offered first to Chickasaw students. However, citizens of other tribes may enroll to be placed on a waiting list if the class does not reach full capacity.

Students involved in the class are shown examples of American Indian art and taught about the cultural background of those examples.

After students see the sample, they are given instruction on use of materials and techniques for creating their own artwork from a list of possible projects.

The class is taught by Arts in Education Manager Laura Morrison and Arts in Education Specialist Trina Jones.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

Marshall County Chickasaw Council

The Marshall County Chickasaw Council invites everyone to its monthly meetings. The meetings are conducted every second Tuesday of every month at the Enos Volunteer Fire Department's meeting room.

Dates: September 14, 7 p.m. October 12, 7 p.m.
November 9, 7 p.m. December 14, 7 p.m.

Contact information is: P.O. Box 947, Kingston, OK; (580) 564-4570

108th Congress marked by speedy House, partisan battling in Senate

By CHARLES BLACKWELL
Chickasaw Ambassador to the United States

2004 is developing as a banner year for American politics and the Indian! It has been a busy summer politically here in the Nation's Capitol but not nearly as busy as it has probably been back in Oklahoma. The real work of the 108th Congress will be ending in a few short weeks. Our office is working hard to get our special Chickasaw matters and issues tended to before Congress adjourns. Near the end of September, the 108th Congress will have completed all of its serious business for the year and with the upcoming election, we are waiting for election results to see what is in store in the 109th. Coinciding with all of these important events is the grand opening of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian on September 21. September is going to be a very busy time.

I. As I write this, the Congress is currently taking its long August recess and most members are home visiting constituents and campaigning for the upcoming election in November. The House and Senate went out of session on Friday, July 23, not to return until after Labor Day. They will then have three to four weeks to work before they adjourn. In the waning days of a session of Congress, legislation moves quickly, often with the primary motivation being speed. It is quite possible that Congress will return for a post-election "lame duck" session after the elections to likely focus on funding issues. During such a lame duck session, some lawmakers who return for the session will not be in the next session. There are several notable changes in store within the Oklahoma delegation to be determined in the election.

This second and final session of the 108th Congress has been unique. The House has been conducting business and moving bills swiftly though the process. Unfortunately, the Senate has been at a stalemate for almost the entire year, passing very few bills and spending much of their time fighting on the Senate floor. In fact, partisan fighting has been so extreme that the Senate has been able to pass only one appropriations bill this year, in stark comparison to the House which has passed nine bills to date. Activity around the energy bill typifies the bitter divide and it's predicted to get worse in these pre-election concluding days.

We must be mindful that many Indian issues are before Congress this year. With the press of time, members of Congress will likely try to focus on narrow issues and may be reluctant to deal with the broader major Indian issues before them; therefore, it is my job to keep Congress focused on our tasks at hand. We need Congress to reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and the Native American Programs Act of 1974; amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act which provides further self-governance opportunities to Indian tribes; and, to pass such bills as the Native American Capital Formation and Economic Development Act of 2003 in this session. We also support the introduction of an American Indian Energy Bill.

II. Tuesday, September 21, 2004 marks a historic time for Native peoples as the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) opens on the National Mall on Tuesday, September 21, 2004. ºThis grand opening will surely be the largest gathering of Native peoples in the Americas in all known history. The Indian Museum is the sixteenth museum of the Smithsonian Institution and the first national museum dedicated to the preservation, study, and exhibition of the life, languages, literature, history, and arts of the native peoples of the Americas.

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the United States Capitol building, the museum's location symbolizes a profound appreciation and reconciliation between America's first people and the immigrants who have also made this country their home. The National Museum of the American Indian was established by an Act of Congress in 1989. Its opening marks an unprecedented cultural achievement as tribes from North, Central, and South America are finally able to share and honor their vibrant cultures with visitors from throughout the world. The 250,000-square-foot museum will be the home of one of the largest and most diverse collections of native American art and artifacts in the world. The museum has been a long time in the making and will positively impact Native peoples forever by providing a place to help correct racial and social misconceptions as well as a place to bring about a better understanding of the lives and cultures of Indians.

If you are coming to Washington, D.C. for the grand opening, I invite you to drop by Pushmataha House (230 East Capitol Street, NE) any time during the week to rest, eat, visit or help me guard the front porch!

III. On Tuesday, November 2, people in the United States will elect or re-elect the 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 34 members in the United States Senate; 11 state governors, and the President of the United States! Register now and vote because it is the easiest and most important way you can make a difference for yourself, your family, the Chickasaw Nation and the greater Indian community and America. Your voice, active participation, and vote have never mattered more especially in Oklahoma where the Indian could very well be the pivotal swing vote in a state whose seven electoral votes are critical nationally. Your vote – the Chickasaw vote – matters. Remember, it is time to get serious! Register! Vote!

Anti-drug participants finding success

More than a dozen participants in the Chickasaw Nation Drug Elimination Program recently took part in "Fan Appreciation Day" activities at the University of Oklahoma.

University of Oklahoma Sooner football players signed autographs, posed for pictures and talked football with fans from across the state.

Participants in the program earned the opportunity to take the trip by taking part in a number of drug prevention and education activities.

Incentive-based activities such as the one described above, plus drug education, are two parts of the program's three-pronged approach, which not only provides education and support services to help youth and adults avoid drug abuse, but also provides services to help them reach their academic and career goals.

"Our drug elimination program continues to be successful because it offers more than education and information," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It also offers hope for a successful future. We want to inspire these young people to expand their horizons and help them realize they are capable of achieving their most ambitious goals."

Educational materials on the dangers of drug abuse are coupled with documentaries of Native Americans struggling with drug abuse in a strategy that has proven effective in helping students resist the temptation to abuse drugs.

A number of incentives are offered to encourage youth to participate in the weekly drug abuse prevention classes.

Youths who earn enough points by participating in drug education and prevention programs are rewarded with monthly or quarterly trips. Participants have made trips to see Texas Rangers baseball games, to the Oklahoma City Zoo, Whitewater Bay water park, Six Flags over Texas amusement park and a number of other premier attractions in the area.

Full-time coordinators and part-time staff work at community centers in Chickasaw Hills, Campbell Acres and Woodbrook Estates providing a variety of educational and recreational activities designed to help youth and adults maintain a positive, drug-free life-style.

Recreational opportunities including basketball, swimming, volleyball, golf, tennis, field trips, arts and crafts give participants ample opportunities to keep young minds focused on constructive activities.

Teens and adults can also receive assistance preparing for GED and college entrance exams as well as job search assistance. Each community center is equipped with several new computers and other educational material selected with the assistance of educators in the area.

Supervised Internet access is also available at each site to facilitate student research and job search activities.

Program participants also take part in a variety of community service projects each year. This year participants provided assistance with several youth camps this summer, including the softball camp, basketball camp and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes day camp.

"Our youth have assisted Red Cross in gathering canned foods, winter coats, fans, and delivering beds to the needy," said Billy Ward, who heads up the program. "In 2003, our youth were recognized for volunteering their time to deliver four complete beds to needy families and assisting with junior life guard training."

At least once yearly, they take part in a community cleanup campaign. This year alone they hauled more than 6,250 pounds of trash from Woodbrook Es-

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Moccasin Trails offers pathway to better lives

Recent studies have shown that moderate exercise and losing five to seven percent of your body weight can have significant health benefits, including delaying or preventing the onset of type 2 diabetes.

Other benefits of exercise and proper nutrition include lowering the risk of heart disease, stroke, colon cancer and osteoporosis. Beyond that, diet and exercise can help control blood sugar levels, lower cholesterol, improve skin tone and promote an overall sense of well being.

While those health benefits are a powerful incentive, many still fail to take that step of making healthier lifestyle choices. That is why the "Moccasin Trails" program was developed, to provide a more tangible motivation to exercise consistently and eat healthier foods.

Participants in the Moccasin Trails program can earn T-shirts, shorts, gym bags, sports games, cookbooks, even walking shoes by simply taking part in a regular exercise program.

Beyond these physical incentives, the program offers "help, hope and support all along the way," according to Moccasin Trails director Anona McCullar.

"I tell people life is a matter of choices, so why not make healthier choices," said McCullar, who has lost more than 50 pounds since she made the move toward a healthier lifestyle several years ago.

Participants in the Moccasin Trails program earn "miles" by keeping a record of the number of minutes they exercise. A wide variety of activities, including walking, running, weight training, playing basketball, bicycling, bowling, gardening and more count toward total "miles."

Participants receive a log book to record their progress as well as an abundance of material on proper diet and exercise.

More than 250 people are currently participating in the program, many of them seniors.

"Sometimes seniors will tell me they are too old to exercise," said McCullar. "I tell them there is always something they can do."

All ages can benefit from the program, and with the sharp rise in the incidence of type 2 diabetes among young people, one of McCullar's goals is to enroll more families.

Recently, a mother and three children started the program.

"I think it is very important that parents serve as role models for their children when it comes to diet and exercise." said McCullar. "When children see their parents exercising regularly and eating a proper diet, it is much more likely they will make exercise and healthy food choices a part of their lifestyle.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Anona McCullar talks with Moccasin Trails participant Steve Walton as he gets a work out at the Family Life Center in Ada.

Ten-month fiscal year business results on track for record earnings

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the past year or the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending July 31, 2004

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled $3.1 million for the month and $36.2 million for the year.

Expenditures for the month were $2.4 million and $17.9 for the year to date which is slightly less than the budget for the period then ended. Expenditures for construction of fixed assets total $ 0.2 million for the month and $11.2 million for the year to date. Current expenditures for fixed assets are included in fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

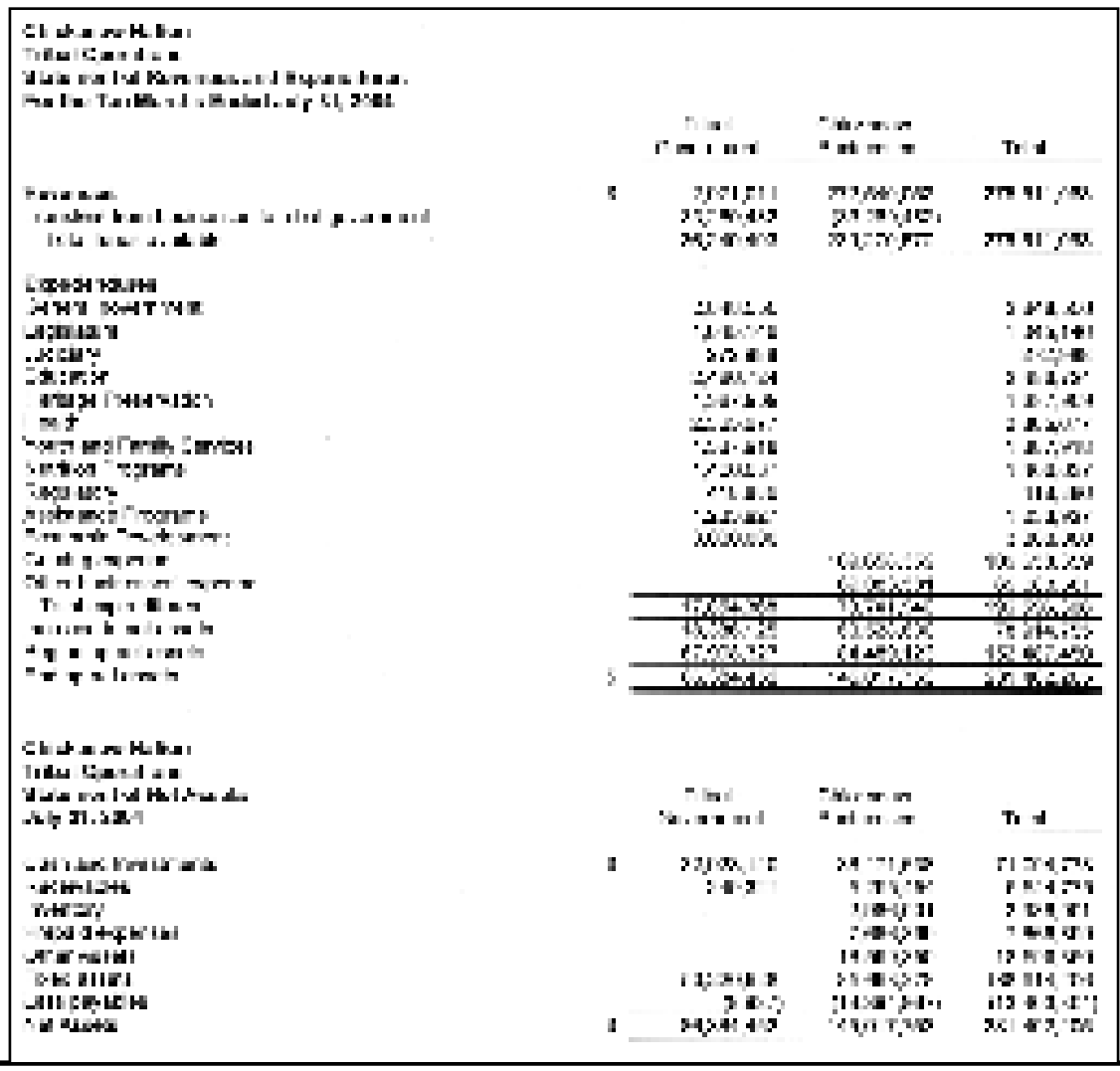
Revenue net of gaming prizes total $272.5 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $97.8 million for the year to date and was better than budget. Expenditures for fixed asset were $2.7 million for the month and $34.5 million year to date.

Statement of Net Assets

At July 31, 2004, the tribal government funds had $32.9 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $5.2 million is in the BIA Trust fund.

The businesses had $38.1 million in cash and investments of which $13.5 million is for accounts payable and $21 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of July 31, 2004, tribe operations had assets totaling $244.8 million with $13.4 million in payables resulting in net assets of $231.7 million compared to $152.8 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of $78.9 million.



Perry, Starr earn GMLs

Tribal housing officers earn advanced lending credentials

Chickasaw Nation Housing Counseling and Loan Services director Kay Perry and Shereena Starr were among eight mortgage professionals from around the state who earned the prestigious Graduate of Mortgage Lending (GML) designation during a week-long training hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Housing Division.

Ellie Wade, treasurer and education chair for the National Association of Professional Mortgage Women taught the 40-hour course, which offers in-depth knowledge about the mortgage industry.

Course work includes the evolution of mortgage lending, major legislation and regulations, residential and commercial loan cycles as well as ethics and standards of professional practice.

Wade, who teaches the course for the Institute of Mortgage Lending, said "the mortgage industry changes daily, and education is a must to keep you ahead of the competition."

Perry said that Fannie Mae recommended the course and helped make it possible by offering scholarships.

"The Graduate of Mortgage Lending is a very prestigious designation very few in the state have earned," said Perry. "Beyond that, what we learn through this course will help ensure we are able to offer the most professional service possible to our clients."

Candidates for designation as a GML must have at least one year of mortgage lending experience prior to beginning the course and must pass two exams to earn the title.

Wade, who has more than 30 years experience in the lending industry, said it was also very important for borrowers to learn as much as they can before making application for a loan.

"Do your homework," said Wade. "Make sure you're going to somebody that's reputable. The best way you can do that is ask your friends, relatives and neighbors who they used. Most of my business comes from referral business.

"When a rate sounds too good to be true, it's normally an adjustable rate mortgage. We all have the same fixed rates. If somebody's doing an advertising where they're trying to make their rate sound lower than everybody else's they're just trying to get you in their door. I just don't trust those people."

The Chickasaw Nation Housing Counseling and Loan Services department offers regular home ownership seminars.

Perry also encourages those with questions about mortgage lending to call the counseling and loan services office at (580) 421-8867 or (580) 421-8856.

Others earning the GML designation during the training include Lorrie Davis, Fannie Mae Oklahoma Partnership Office; Frances Root, Tulsa Housing Authority; Sherry Byers, Citizen Potawatomi Housing Authority; and Valerie Powell, Shasta Baggs and Lea Williams, Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation.

Chickasaw Art and Culture on display at Jacobson House

NORMAN, Okla. – Chickasaw Art and Culture is being showcased at the Jacobson House, 609 Chautauqua Ave., in Norman. The event, featuring Chickasaw peoples' unique and beautiful way of life, began Aug. 29 and will run through Sept. 26.

For five weekends the Jacobson House will host programs telling the history and contemporary life of the "Unconquered and Unconquerable" Chickasaw people. Exhibited artwork includes paintings and drawings, shawls, beaded collars and clothing, sculpture, jewelry, pottery, knives and baskets.

"We are extremely excited about this month-long dedication to Chickasaw Art and Culture at the Jacobson House," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "Thanks to this exhibit, people from all walks of life will have the opportunity to learn about our heritage and culture."

Chickasaw artists Marcella "Soo'kee" Nix, Matthew Cravatt, Fran Rice, Joshua Hinson, Daniel Worcester, Joyce Vinyard, Jeannie Barbour, Dixie Brewer, Lorie Robins, Joseph Pershica II, Joanna Underwood, Brent Greenwood and Susie Johnston will be exhibiting their creations.

"The respect the Jacobson House and its Foundation continually express to the tribal artists, artisans and all tribal citizens is unique and continues to foster a sense of creativity and enrichment," said Lona Barrick, Chickasaw Nation arts and humanities administrator.

On **August 29,** the Chickasaw Historical Society (CHS) opened events with a public reception for artists featured in the CHS' 2005 Calendar. Calendar artists included: Mike Larsen, Susie Johnston, Joshua Hinson, Norma Howard, Jeannie Barbour, Daniel Redeagle Howard, Margaret Roach Wheeler, Joanna Underwood, James Blackburn, Daniel Worcester, Joyce Vinyard, Lorie Robins, Jerry Underwood, Regina Walker and Harold Stick.

On **September 5**, beginning at 1:30 p.m. gallery talks will be given by Matthew Cravatt, artist and specialist's assistant in the Nation's special projects/tourism department.

At 2:30 p.m., Richard Green, author of the book "Te Ata, A Chickasaw Storyteller," will give a presentation on the life of Mary Fisher, known as Te Ata, who was born in Tishomingo in 1895. Te Ata had a 60 year career enchanting audiences world-wide with performances in Native American folklore. In 1987, she was named the state's first "Oklahoma Treasure." Green, who also serves as the Nation's tribal historian, will be signing copies of his book.

On **September 12**, all events will be dedicated to children's activities. At 1:30 p.m., the Chickasaw Children's Choir will perform.

Beginning at 2 p.m., Robert Perry, storyteller and author will provide insight into Chickasaw culture and storytelling featuring his book, "Life with the Little People." Gregg Howard, of VIP Publishing Company, will offer special readings from the book. Perry will be available to sign copies of the books and CDs.

On **September 19**, at 1:30 p.m., the Chickasaw Living History Players (CLHP) will present "Brides Cost One Thousand Dollars," an educational, informative and humorous vignette based on historic tribal laws dealing with Chickasaw women's property rights and the non-Indian men who wished to marry them for their land. The players are part of the performing arts program with the arts and humanities division.

At 3 p.m., the acclaimed Native Women's Choir will perform. Led by Cherokee member Augustine Smith, members are from Oklahoma, Texas and surrounding states. Singing a cappella, the choir offers songs and hymns in Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Creek languages.

Culminating the series of events, showcasing Chickasaw fine art and culture, is an outdoor art market on the weekend of **September 25 and 26**. Artists and artisans will display a variety of Chickasaw and southeastern tribal arts and fine crafts on the grounds of the Jacobson House. Indian tacos will also be for sale.

The Oklahoma Arts Council, the Chickasaw Historical Society and the Chickasaw Festival Core Committee, including Johnston County Chamber of Commerce, the City of Tishomingo, Murray State College and the Chickasaw Nation, have provided major funding for this presentation of the life ways and art of the Chickasaw people.

The Jacobson House is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been designated a Centennial Site by the Oklahoma Centennial Commission in celebration of Oklahoma's statehood centennial in 2007. For more information about this event call (405) 366-1667 or visit *www.jacobsonhouse.com* or *www.chickasaw.net.*

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Pauls Valley Community Council

All Native Americans are invited to the council meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 7, 2004, in the Community Meeting Room, Chamber of Commerce, 112 E. Paul, downtown Pauls Valley, Okla., across from the Royal Theater.

The program will be on banking beneficial to Native Americans by Bank 2 officers J.D. Colbert, Director of Native American Services, and Angie Little, Vice-president. There will also be an exhibit of Native American history books and refreshments.

This group usually meets the first Tuesday of each month; however, there will be no October 5 meeting.

Instead, we are meeting for a potluck picnic to celebrate Piomingo Day, October 11, at Pauline Rodke's home, west of Paoli. Call Pauline for directions.

The next regular meeting will be November 2, 2004, at the Pauls Valley Chamber of Commerce. Watch local papers for the program details. For more info, call Pauline Rodke, 405-484-7219.

March of Dimes WalkAmerica

Walkers Needed!

Sulphur, OK; September 25, 2004
Ada, OK; October 16, 2004

For more information contact team captains: Denise Clark, Headquarters (580) 310-6475; Cassie Johnson, Chickasaw Enterprises (580) 421-9500; Ron Frazier, Division of Housing (580) 421-8800 ext. 8811; Deanna Carpitche, CAIHF (580) 421-4532 ext. 82261; Freda Ozbirn, Sulphur Area Office (580)

Children learn traditional art

American Indian art class popular at 'Tiger Arts'

ADA, Okla. – American Indian art was one of several art topics children learned about while attending Tiger Arts at East Central University in July.

Masks were just one of the items kids in the American Indian art class made while attending Tiger Arts at ECU.

Dozens of Tiger Arts participants, ranging from 8 to 12 years old, chose majors and minors, just like in college. Aside from American Indian art, other options were visual art, music, dance and drama.

Tiger Arts coordinator Charlee Lanis said "the American Indian art session was one of the favorite classes chosen by the kids."

The American Indian art class was taught by Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education Specialist Trina Jones.

Jones taught about history, as students made traditional Native American crafts, such as possession sticks, masks, coil pottery and shell necklaces. The American Indian art category hosted 32 students throughout the two week camp.

Jones said the beauty of this camp was because "we could not only teach basic art skills, but we could also apply Native American culture into our teachings."

Lanis said Jones did a fabulous job.

"Not only was the artwork topnotch, but Trina's patient, flexible demeanor while instructing a large group of kids was something to admire," Lanis said.

At the conclusion of the camp, students showcased their artistic abilities by displaying their art work, singing, dancing and performing scenes from *Montgomery Mansion!*

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Participants eagerly show their creations to parents and friends at the Tiger Arts Showcase July 30.

Chickasaw Nation After School Art Program participant Cherokee Truelove shows off the possession stick she created in Tiger Arts American Indian art class. "Being Chickasaw means a lot and I think it's really cool," Cherokee said.

Mark Brewer honored

Tribal employee receives top award from state safety coalition

Director of Oklahoma SAFE KIDS Coalition Martha Collar with the 2004 Professional Member of the Year, Mark Brewer, Chickasaw Nation Injury Prevention coordinator.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. – Annually the Oklahoma SAFE KIDS Coalition names one person as the Professional Member of the Year. On July 29, Mark Brewer, Chickasaw Nation Injury Prevention coordinator, was presented with the 2004 Professional Member of the Year award.

The award was presented at the annual meeting and volunteer luncheon, hosted by the Twin Hills Golf and Country Club in Oklahoma City. Brewer was recognized and honored for his dedication to his profession and his achievements in regard to injury prevention and safety.

Oklahoma SAFE KIDS is a group of organizations and concerned citizens from across the state that for 15 years have been fighting unintentional accidents, the number one killer of children. The Oklahoma SAFE KIDS Coalition is dedicated to helping raise public awareness among the general public and policy makers.

Brewer has been very instrumental in developing and coordinating the Chickasaw Nation Health System Injury Prevention program. Much of his injury prevention efforts have focused on child safety: child safety seat education, bicycle helmet safety, gun safety and the prevention of unattended children left in vehicles.

"Mark works very well with every group that requests his assistance, often going above and beyond what is required of him," said Deanna Carpitche, Tribal Behavioral Health educator/counselor. "I have never known him to say no to anyone who requests his help."

Along with the SAFE KIDS Coalition, he worked and volunteered with many organizations, such as the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue Team, Red Cross and MADD.

Brewer was nominated for the award by several of his co-workers. He has been the Chickasaw Nation Health System Injury Prevention coordinator since December 2001 and is currently in the fourth year of the Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement with the Indian Health Service.

"Mark has taken the Injury Prevention program and advanced it so far," said Pam Aguilar, Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative. "He's made partnerships with other departments within the Chickasaw Nation, as well as outside the tribe, to promote injury prevention."

"Being appreciated and getting recognized for work is really important," Brewer said. "Receiving the award makes me want to do more."

Unintentional accidents kill more children each year than diseases, kidnapping and drugs combined. Approximately 7,200 children are killed and 50,000 disabled annually as a result of traffic accidents, burns, drowning, falls, choking, poisoning and other injuries. In Oklahoma, about 130 children through age 15 die each year from unintentional injuries. For every fatality, approximately 45 children require hospitalization and 1,300 require emergency treatment.

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Tribe to host Fall Tennis Tournament

ADA, Okla. — The Chickasaw Nation has announced the first annual Chickasaw Fall Tennis Tournament scheduled for Sept.18 beginning at 8 a.m.

Native American youth with tennis experience are encouraged to sign up for the tournament.

Divisions will include: junior high girls, singles and doubles; junior high boys, singles and doubles; high school girls, singles and doubles; and high school boys, singles and doubles.

The tournament will be held at the Ada Tennis Center on Cradduck Road.

The deadline to signup is Sept.13. For more information, call Ashley Douglas with the tribe's camps and recreations department at (580) 310-6620.

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Marshall County Chickasaw Council

Indian Taco Sale
Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

$5 (includes taco, desert and beverage)
Enos, Okla. Community Center
All proceeds will help fund a park and activity center for the community and surrounding areas.

Keely Ingle

Keely Ingle celebrated her 6th birthday with family and friends.

She turned 6 on August 15. Her party had a Blue's Clues theme with a water balloon fight and slip-and-slide competition. Family and friends who attended were: Mom, Juston, Amara, Chayton, Nonnie, Nana, Papa Craig and GiGi, Aunt Bobbi, Lisa, Kimi, Grandma Rita, Aunt Ashleigh, Aunt Amber, Uncle Jason, Uncle Jatron and Aunt Dorothy, Me Me, Harita, Mary, Macey, Malarie and cousins Blake, Bryce, and Jackson. Keely's parents are Angela and Juston Gambel, of Madill, Okla., and Randal and Shonda Ingle, of Mannsville, Okla.; grandparents are Janet Hart, Craig and Gwen Gambel, Devyrle and Linda Ingle and Mike and Rita Dunn, and great-grandparents Jerri Flint, Ernest and Violet McGahey and Ada Dunn. Late grandfather Charles "Ricky" Hart and late great-grandparents James "Junior" Flint, Paul and Dorothy Hart and James Dunn.

We are very proud of Keely's achievements. Keely played t-ball this year for the Aggie's team in Madill and is an active member of Oakview Baptist Church. Congratulation's and Happy Birthday Keely, we love you very much!

Mom, Juston, Amara and Chayton

Happy birthday wishes!

Danny and Katalin Hamilton celebrated their first birthday, July 26, 2004 at Wintersmith Park, Ada, Okla.

They share this blessed day with their Uncle Chub.

They are the children of Hershel and Michelle Hamilton, Bowlegs, Okla., and the grandchildren of Tom and Marval Hamilton, Stonewall, Okla., and Debbie Johnson, Oklahoma City. They are the great-grandchildren of Robert and Alice Kernel, Bowlegs.

We love you Little Bear, and 007.

From your Auntie Loraine

Births

Trevor Lane John

Trevor Lane John was born at 1:46 p.m., May 21, 2004 at Ada, Okla. He weighed 9 lbs., 5 ozs., and measured 21 inches.

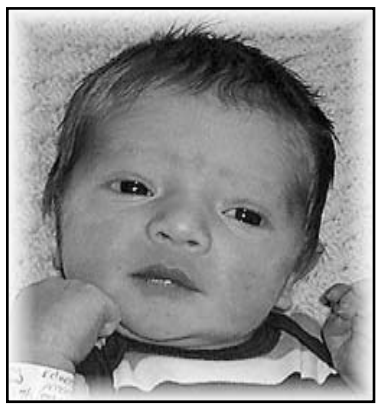
He is the son of Thomas and Lisa John of Ada, Okla.

He is the grandson of Pauline Brown and the late Wilson J. Brown of Harden City, Okla., and L. Judith John and the late Lionel R. John of Salamanca, N.Y.

Brooke Elizabeth Criner

Brooke Elizabeth Criner was born May 31, 2004. She weighed 7 lbs, 13 ozs. and measured 19-5/8 inches.

She is the daugther of Brandon and Beth Criner of Carrollton, Texas, and the granddaughter of Buck Criner, Jr. of Crandall, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of Buck Criner Sr., an original enrollee.



Bryce Michael Edwards

Kimberlea Shanae (Owens) Edwards and Brian Michael Edwards announce the birth of their first child, **Bryce Michael Edwards**, born Thursday, July 1, 2004, at 7:57p.m. at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City. He was 6lbs., 15oz. and measured 20 inches.

On his mother's side he is the great-great grandson of Virgil Owens and the great-great-great grandson of Bina (Underwood) Owens. Both Virgil and Bina are original enrollees and from Okla His grandparents on his mother's side are Deborah (Debby) Owens of Moore, Okla., and the late Willard Eugene Teel of Illinois. His great-grandparents are Eugene (Boots) and Joan Owens of Oklahoma City. His great aunts and uncles are Frank and Becky Galindo, of Moore, Eugene (Booty) and Sherry Owens, of Oklahoma City, Kieth and Lori Owens, of Norman, Okla., Brent and Janice Owens, of Moore, Justin (Kimbo) and Brenda Owens, of Blanchard, Okla. His second cousins are Eric and Rachel Owens, Joey and Lanaye Owens, Josh Owens and fiance Ashley Childers and Rachelle Owens, all of Moore, Amber and Shannon Lynn, of Mustang, Okla., Virgil Owens, Aimee Owens, of Moore, Justin Owens, Stephanie Owens, of Oklahoma City,, Jesse Boring of Panama City, Fla., Mandy Boring of Oklahoma City, Tony Galindo of Oklahoma City, the late Brian Galindo. Third cousins are Tawnie Galindo and Rusty Galindo, of Moore, Dusten Lynn of Mustang, and one on the way. His grandfather Teel side is great aunts and uncles are Roger Teel, BJ Huston, Rosie and Rich Padilla, David and Tammy Teel, Susie Carey, Bobby Teel, Karen and Charlie Bateman, Annie and Buster Guest, Joyce Gallegos, Janice Pearson and Vickie and Marlin Wilcox, all of Illinois, Texas and Oklahoma. His greatparents are the late Willard F. Teel of Perryton, Texas and Zelma Teel of Macomb, Ill., as well as numerous cousins. His father's side are grandparents, Chris and Vicky Edwards, of Oklahoma City, great-grandparents Melba and Don Wilson and the late William Edwards, all of Festus, Missouri, aunt and uncle Shannon and Jeremy Wilson of Moore, and cousin Jaylea Wilson, of Moore, great aunt and uncle Tammy and Chris Linderer, of Crystal City, Missouri, and Melisa Edwards, of Festus. Second cousins are Lindsey Linderer and Cole Linderer of Crystal City. His great-grandparents the late Arthur Fair and Dorothy Fair of St. Louis, great aunt and uncle Ernie and Karen Fair, of Manchester, Missouri. Second cousins Kelly and Steve Kuhn and Carrie and Rick Britton, all of St. Louis, and Lori Fair, of Missouri. Third cousins are Paige Kuhn and Alexis Britton of St. Louis,and one on the way. Bryce's mother is office manager at Dr. Lance Ledbetter Eyecare in Moore. His father is a firefighter in Norman, and also works for Horn Equipment in Moore. They reside in Oklahoma City.

Isaac Aaron McDonald was born Dec. 23, 2003. He weighed 8 lbs., 6 ozs., and measured 20 1/2 inches.

He is the son of Terry and Julie McDonald of Buena Park, Calif.

He is the grandson of Tommy and Charlene McDonald of Durant, Okla.

Tommy McDonald is a past president of the Panola District Tribal Council. Isaac's Chickasaw blood line traces back to Mourning Star Gooding. Mourning Star's daughter was Mona Godfrey Hayward an original enrollee. Her daughter Juanita Olline Hayward McDonald is Isaac's great-grandmother, now living in Pataskala, Ohio with her husband Tom McDonald.

Isaac Aaron McDonald

Bonners honored for public ser-

The Bonners being congratulated by Capt. and Mrs.

Congratulations to Jewell Bonner, who along with her husband, Jim, was presented with the prestigious Department of the Navy Superior Public Service Award at the Navy League Convention Dinner-Dance.

The Bonners' many years of service to the Navy League and support of the Sea Services was deservedly recognized by the Award presented by Admiral William J. Fallon, USN Commander U.S. Fleet Forces Command for the Secretary of the Navy, Gordon England.

Chickasaw student in youth leadership medical forum

Jennifer Roeser

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Jennifer Roeser, Santa Fe, Texas, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED) in Houston-Galveston, Texas from July 6 through 15, 2004. Miss Roeser joined more than 400 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the United States at the Forum. The students learned first hand from medical professionals about medical ethics, the global effects of infectious disease, genetic research, public health and many other subjects relevant to the field.

"The National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine offers students like Jennifer Roeser a behind-the-scenes look of what it takes to become a medical professional," said Donna Snyder, executive director of NYLF. "The curriculum for the Forum on Medicine complements the classroom experience and allows its participants to gain an understanding of how to get to where they want to be within the universe of medicine."

Throughout the programs, Roeser and fellow students experienced problem-based learning in a series of intense and stimulating simulations, many exercise of which are faced by students in medical schools throughout the country. NYLF/MED culminated in the Public Health Symposium, in which students developed programs to directly impact their communities on the issues of adolescent health, care for the elderly and chronic disease, among others. The goal of the exercise was to encourage the students to develop and implement programs as leaders, addressing concerns on public health issues in their communities.

During NYLF/MED, students had the opportunity to visit some of the best institutions of medical learning and research in the country, including Baylor College of Medicine, University of Texas Medical Branch, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine, the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and several others. Not only did students visit these renowned places, they also interacted with doctors, nurses, scientists and professors to gather a greater understanding of medical history, standards and trends.

"Many who participate in our program arrive thinking they have a clear idea of the type of medicine they want to practice," Snyder said. "By opening new doors, students can confirm or adjust their professional plans accordingly, prior to college."

NYLF is a nonprofit, educational organization committed to empowering young people with the confidence to make well-informed career choices. For additional information, visit us at www.nylf.org.

Chickasaw equestrian does well in competition

Marcia Gibson

Marcia Gibson, 15, a Chickasaw from Tomball, Texas and her horse, Prince Among Men, successfully competed in the USPC National Championships July 21-23 at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Ky.

Because she was the only qualifier from her region, Marcia was placed on a scramble team of riders she had never met. She was fortunate, however, and was put with a great group of girls from the Kansas "Midwest" region. They were happy to have a fourth rider and quickly became a strong team and good friends.

Their sport is "Everything" and you saw it this summer in the Olympics. The first day was dressage and after all the scores and tabulations were in, Marcia's group was in 10th place. After the formal inspection scores were posted, the team moved up to seventh.

Then came the challenging cross-country phase. All the girls jumped clean with no time penlites and moved up to fourth. The third day was stadium jumping and by the end of the day Marcia and her teammates moved into second place.

Marcia individually finished 14 out of 84 riders.

Marcia is the daughter of Steve and Lisa (Underwood) Gibson. She is the granddaughter of Noweta Whiting Underwood and the great-granddaughter of Lillian Sacra Whiting, an original enrollee.

Cowboys are Homer champs

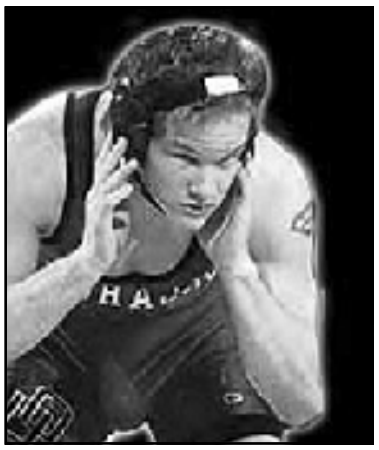
Chickasaws Trejan Blue and Cedar Easterling helped their team become the undefeated 2004 Homer League Champions in 5-and-under t-ball this summer. The Cowboys also won all three tournaments they entered. Team members are, from left (front row) Trejan Blue, Jared Sampson, Jakob Luper, Kyler Reed, Preston Fishburn and Cody Mills; (Middle row), Austin Short, Brig Ray, Cedar Easterling, Jordan Carter and Rush Black; (Back row), coaches, J.L. Carter, Kevin Luper, Kevin Reed and Kenny Fishburn.

Counting the votes

Thedo Underwood of the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission and Tim Sanchez verify voter signatures at the recent election.

Sidelined by untimely injury for Athens Games

Chickasaw wrestler sets sights on 2008 Olympic Games



Michael Lightner

Chickasaw wrestler Michael Lightner was the third-ranked freestyle wrestler in the U.S. at 132 lbs. and almost surely on his way to the Olympic games in Greece as part of the American team. A torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee in March, however, prevented him from competing in the April qualifying event.

That type of injury can sometimes end a career. Lightner, however, seemed to almost take it in stride.

After acknowledging the obvious disappointment at missing the opportunity to compete in Athens, Lightner quickly made it clear he has not given up his Olympic dreams.

"I'm going to take it one year at a time," said Lightner. "I'll try to make the world team this year and the following year, then when 2008 rolls around, then possibly take a shot."

Currently, he is focused on recovering from his injury.

Cleared in mid-July to start light wrestling drills, he is also biking, running, lifting weights and looking forward to September when he can once again wrestle at full speed.

His desire to wrestle internationally and in the Olympics is a fairly recent goal, set after he had accomplished almost everything possible at the college level.

As a wrestler at the University of Oklahoma, Lightner was the 2001 NCAA champion, a four-time All American and four time Big XII Champion.

"You know you hear a lot of people saying it's been their dream (to compete in the Olympics) since they were a kid. For me, the more that I do wrestling and the longer I've been in it, the more my love grows for it," said Lightner. "When my college was done, I was having so much fun with it that it wasn't time to be done. I wanted to continue to train.

"Now at the level I'm at the ultimate goal, the ultimate thing to accomplish is to make a world team and wrestle in the world championship or in the Olympics. So, that's what I'm striving for."

Lightner spends hundreds of hours of intense preparation readying himself for each six-minute wrestling match.

" Even though a six-minute wrestling match doesn't seem very long, it's very, very, very hard," said Lightner. "It takes a lot of conditioning."

Two hours of weight lifting and wrestling in the morning are followed by two hours of full speed wrestling in the afternoon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday and Saturday are devoted to a cross training regimen involving wrestling drills, running or mountain biking.

While it might seem natural, or even necessary, for an athlete training at this level to be focused solely on winning, Lightner is more focused on the process than the result.

That shift in focus came after losses in the finals of the NCAA Championship his sophomore and junior years at OU.

" Those years it was about winning a NCAA title," said Lightner. "Winning first and everything centered around winning. My senior year I really focused on the work that it takes to get back to that national final match. I just focused on giving my best effort. The goal wasn't centered on winning. It was on the training and then just giving my best effort."

That is the attitude he tries to instill in young wrestlers as a club coach at OU and in motivational talks.

His primary message is to "finish what you started. If you set out with a goal in mind, then do all you can do to accomplish that goal. Don't focus on winning and losing. Just focus on giving your best effort.

"Never give up on a dream, said Lightner. "You're going to have all kinds of obstacles that you are faced with. Just because you have some obstacles or some bad luck in what you're trying to do doesn't mean that you give up on it. Overcome your obstacles and get stronger and just keep moving forward every day."

He is following his own advice as he continues striving to achieve his dreams of a world championship and Olympic gold.

"When I start out to do something I like to see it through to the end. And I'm going to do all I can to see it through. Then if it works out then great. If it doesn't then at least I know that I gave all I had to accomplish what I was hoping to do."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw enters 4-H Hall of Fame

Shane Vietzke

Shane Vietzke and Lindsey Eyer were honored as the 2004 Senior 4-H Hall of Fame members during the Garvin County 4-H Honors Banquet at the Garvin County Fairgrounds.

Shane, a Chickasaw, has been involved with 4-H most of his life. He began his acceptance speech by thanking his family; parents Tom and Rebekah Vietzke, brother Jake Vietzke, grandparents Vernon and Mary Vietzke and Janet Smith. Shane served the Pauls Valley and Garvin County area in many capacities on the local and county levels including club president, vice president, secretary, reporter, recreational director, song leader and in any other area needed. He is currently the Garvin County 4-H president.

Shane encouraged other 4-H members to achieve all they could while participating in 4-H. His portrait will hang at the Garvin County Courthouse for one year, then will be presented as a gift to Vietzke.

Shane's brother, Jake Vietzke, was the 2000 Garvin County 4-H Hall of Fame honoree. Jake served as the 2003 Southwestern District State vice president while attending Oklahoma State University.

Shane and Jake have been involved in many Chickasaw and JOM Youth Conferences. For the past three years they have been privileged to be employed by the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth program.

Cutline: Chickasaw, Shane Vietzke, a member of the Pauls Valley 4-H Club, speaks to the audience at the Garvin County 4-H Banquet. Shane received the prestigious 2004 Hall of Fame award. Photo by Jeff Schultz

Miss Indian Oklahoma, Jr. Miss applications now being accepted

The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women (OFIW) is now accepting applications for Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma and Miss Indian Oklahoma. For information call Couita Wilson at (580) 310-6179.

The Scholarship Pageant will be hosted in Ada, Okla., on November 19, 2004. Miss Indian Oklahoma 2005 and Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma 2005 will be selected from an inter-tribal field of contestants.

The pageant will begin at 6 p.m. at a location to be announced. Admission is $10 and is open to the public.

OFIW also sponsors the OFIW Women and Young Women Conference and the OFIW Youth Conference, both using the theme for 2005's activities: "A Tribute to Our Women in Leadership." Both conferences will be conducted Wednesday and Thursday November 17 & 18 in conjunction with an Honor Banquet on Thursday, November 18, held in honor of the outgoing titleholders, Pageant on Friday November 19, closing out our activities with our annual pow-wow.

During the pow-wow some of the finest Native American artists and crafters from across Oklahoma, dancers and singers will also join the celebration. The afternoon program will include honoring and gourd dances, with inter-tribal and competition dancing in the evening. There is no charge for the pow-wow and the public is invited to attend. Native American foods and other concessions will be available.

Also during the pow-wow, the Statewide Award Recognitions for titles such as: "American Indian Mother of the Year" will be conducted. Organized in 1969, OFIW is a non-profit statewide organization promoting education and American Indian Culture. OFIW is one of the largest Indian organizations in the state. What began as a social club and has evolved into one of the primary forces promoting education and culture. The scholarship Pageant, pow-wow, arts, showcase, and awards are held in each year in a different geographic location across Oklahoma.

For more information contact: Couita Wilson, 2005 Activities Director, (580) 310-6179; Martha Wind, OFIW

Taylor Howard takes 11-14 year-old title

Chickasaw golfers compete at National Jr. Golf Tourney

The 13-member contingent of golfers who took part in the Chickasaw Nation Jr. Golf Camp and advanced to the 2004 National Native American Junior Golf Championship brought home 10 of 15 individual trophies awarded at the event. They also took two of three team trophies as Team Choctaw took first place and Team Chickasaw placed third.

Bryeson Lance

Chris Campbell

Tyffani Parker

Taylor Howard

Chickasaw golfer Taylor Howard, of Ada, Okla., shot a three-round 280 to take first place in Female Division II (11-14 Years) at the 2004 National Native American Junior Golf Championship July 25-28 at Walt Disney Resorts in Orlando, Florida,.

Taylor dominated her division as she finished 105 strokes ahead of her nearest competitor.

The 13-member contingent of golfers who took part in the Chickasaw Nation Jr. Golf Camp brought home more than their fair share of trophies from the national tournament.

While they comprised slightly more than 10 percent of the 120 golfers at the event, they brought home 10 of 15 individual trophies.

In addition, Team Choctaw took first place, while Team Chickasaw Nation placed third.

Three other Chickasaw golfers were among the top individual finishers at the tournament conducted July 25-28 at Walt Disney World Resorts in Orlando, Florida.

Bryeson Lance, of Sulphur, Okla., placed second among male golfers 14 to 15 years of age. Lance shot a 228 to finish one stroke behind the leader.

Tyffani Parker, of Pauls Valley, Okla., placed second among female golfers 15 to 18 years of age. Parker also finished only one stroke behind the leader with a three round total of 271.

Chris Campbell, of Davis, Okla., placed third in Male Division III (11-14 years). Campbell shot a three round 246, only one stroke out of second place.

Cody Blaine, Choctaw from Durant, Okla., won Male Division III, while Hogan "Max" White, also Choctaw from Durant, finished second with a 245.

Blaine and White both took part in the Chickasaw Nation Junior Golf Camp in June at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Course near Lake Texoma.

Hunter Nickell, Choctaw from Atwood, Okla., shot a 226 to take first place among males 16 to 18 years.

Charity Williams, Choctaw from Durant, placed second in Female Division II.

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Sperry named outstanding District Attorney

Mitch Sperry

District Attorney Mitch Sperry doesn't have the David Moss Memorial Award he recently received as the state's outstanding district attorney in his Carter County courthouse office. In fact, he gave it away.

"I gave it to my father, Bob," he said. "My parents have always been very supportive. I wanted him to have it as a token of my appreciation for all the things he has done for me."

Sperry, a Chickasaw, received the award at the annual luncheon of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association on August 6 in Oklahoma City. The association is composed of approximately 1,200 district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, investigators, and support personnel.

"It was an absolute surprise, he said. "It's always nice to be recognized by your peers for doing your job well."

Sperry said winning the award was the result of a team effort.

"It's more of a reflection upon how good the people are who work here and the law enforcement personnel in our area," Sperry said. "I'm greatly indebted to our people who work in the five counties we serve."

Sperry took office in January 1999 and as district attorney for the 20th District serves Carter, Johnston, Love, Marshall and Murray counties.

He said budgetary constraints have proved to be his greatest job frustration. Trying to speak for those who otherwise wouldn't have a voice is the job's greatest reward.

"My son is named in honor of a young man who was a crime victim," he said. "I became very close to his parents."

Sperry said he is extremely concerned about the drug problem in southern Oklahoma.

"Eighty to 90 percent of our crime is directly related to drugs, and of that, methamphetamine is the number one problem," he said. "There is a generation of 16-to 20-year-olds who are directly threatened by the introduction of methamphetamine in our society."

Despite the scope of the problem, Sperry said is hopeful for the future. He cited the collaborative effort of the agencies involved in the District Attorney's Drug Task Force as a positive example.

"It shows that with cooperation between law enforcement agencies, a few people can make a big impact on an enormous problem," he said.

"It's a great job," he said. "I feel fortunate to have the confidence of the people in our district. In this job, the good far outweighs any bad."

Over 650 working this summer

Tribal Summer Youth program putting kids to work

Over the past 20 years, the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth program has had a tremendous impact on young people and employers in south central Oklahoma.

This year alone, more than 650 Native American youth ages 14 to 21 gained valuable work experience, tutoring and job search training while earning an average of more than $200 per week for the eight-week program.

Beyond that, the program also provides thousands of hours of quality, no-cost labor to dozens of employers in the area, including Realtors, home health care providers, adult day care services, a motorcycle dealership, funeral homes, police departments and others.

"This kind of real world experience is a great way for these young people to learn about a variety of careers and teach them how to be responsible and conscientious employees," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It provides them a window to the future that can help them realize the connection between their education and their dreams."

That kind of no-cost labor can really help with a tight budget, according to Tonya Lillard, assistant administrator for Pontotoc County Adult Day Care.

"We're not-for-profit so we just keep the doors open. They've been a tremendous help. We feel really blessed that we've had them here," said Ms. Lillard. "What they do is mainly client care. Visit with the clients. Help them walk from one place to the other play games with them."

This is the second year the adult day care service has been involved with the program and she says the workers have been very reliable, punctual, dependable and hard workers.

" We're going to miss them," said Ms. Lillard. "We've got little plaques to present them for how many hours they've completed. And some letters to send to their parents to thank them for sharing their kids with us this summer.

"We really appreciate (the program) and really enjoy working with the Chickasaw Nation."

Dian Wilson, with the Help Us Grow Securely (HUGS) day care facility in Ardmore said the workers were a big help in that program.

"All three of them worked well. They did whatever we asked," said Ms. Wilson. "After their last day the kids were wondering where they were. They were already wanting them to come back. They really bonded well with the children.

"In fact, we hired Amanda Mule to work an additional week after the end of the program."

Kathy Pettus, of the Family Crisis Center in Ada had two Summer Youth working for her this year. She said the program benefits everyone involved.

They do filing, copying and other office work as well as the manual labor of receiving and preparing donations for use in the community.

"They've both been doing a really good job," said Ms. Pettus. "I've been really pleased. I think it's a great program. It allows them to get some training and it helps us out too."

This is her first year to be involved with the Summer Youth, but is enthusiastic about continuing her participation.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

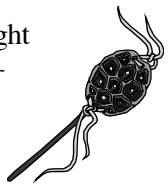
Cultural Evening set for Sept. 28

Erie Cravatt is assisted by her daughter Beverly Tallbird in ringing the bell to announce the Opening Ceremonies of the 2003 Cultural Evening.

The Chickasaw Foundation is hosting the 3rd Annual Cultural Evening at Kullihoma on Tuesday, September 28, 2004 as part of the Chickasaw Festival. Opening ceremonies will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a meal of bar-b-que sandwiches, potato salad, potato chips, pashofa, beans and cookies. This event is open and free to the public.

Native American artisans will be featured providing demonstrations of their crafts, skills and talents. There will also be a stickball game, stomp dance by the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe, gospel singing, a children's activity area, and tours of the mountain house, summer house, winter house and corn crib. New this year will be a presentation by the Living History Performers, and the addition of Scout Night.

Join us for a night of cultural experiences you'll never forget!



Sue Fish demonstrates the art of making baskets.

'Its About Money'

Museums, cultural center demonstrate appreciation of Indian culture

J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

Like many of you, I read with great interest the article in last month's *Chickasaw Times* about the projected 2006 opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center. The Cultural Center is a massive undertaking of our tribe and will be a wonderful facility when completed. I can hardly wait and it seems like the 2006 opening is a long way off!

However, I remember thinking the same thing concerning the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) when plans were first announced in 1989. Thus, the NMAI has been 15 years in the making! It still seemed only a dream for me until the actual groundbreaking for the museum in 1999. Now the opening is just days away!

The NMAI actually encompasses three facilities. The first to open was the George Gustav Heye Center located in the old Alexander Hamilton U.S. Customs House in the very lower part of Manhattan. If you find yourself in New York City, the Heye Center is much worth a visit. In addition to the Heye Center, the Custom House is an interesting historical facility in that it housed the various offices of the U.S. Treasury department during the formative years of our country.

In addition the NMAI includes the Cultural Resources Center in a facility located a few miles east of Washington, D.C. in Suitland, Maryland. I had the opportunity to tour this facility about three years ago and it was both a humbling and educational experience. It was humbling to see first hand so many artifacts and works of art that had been created by tribal members so many years ago. If you plan on going to the opening of the NMAI on the Mall you should definitely take time to visit the Suitland location.

Finally, of course, there is the NMAI on the Mall that will have its opening ceremonies on Tuesday, September 21. The ceremonies will kick-off with a Native Nations Procession along the Mall that will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at noon. This promises to be an awe inspiring spectacle. Chickasaw Nation should be well represented at this event. For more information about all of the events you can visit the NMAI on the Internet at www.nmai.si.edu.

As one who has had a lifelong involvement in Indian Country, it is especially gratifying to see such a flowering of Native culture and museums. In addition to the NMAI and the Chickasaw Cultural Center, development of the American Indian Cultural Center is well underway (headed, of course, by a Chickasaw!) and plans are in the works for a separate American Indian museum in Tulsa.

J.D. Colbert serves as Executive Vice President, Native American Services at Bank2. Bank2 is a growing $60 million full service financial institution with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. Its'About Money is published monthly by the Bank2, as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tribal Martial Arts program offers something for everyone

For many, the mention of martial arts brings to mind images of Jackie Chan, Steven Seagal, Chuck Norris or Bruce Lee beating up the bad guys in the movies.

For Matt Clark, director of the Chickasaw Nation martial arts program, battling that perception can be more tiring than the most grueling workout.

"We try to let students know right away that what they see in the movies is just entertainment," said Clark. "We also try to teach them the reality of what happens when you get punched in the nose. It hurts. So I try to tell them, 'Don't fight, God gave you two feet. Walk away.'"

That advice comes from one who should know.

Clark has 36 years experience in the martial arts. He has earned a fourth degree black belt in Shotokan Karate and Kito Ryu Jujitsu. He also has extensive experience in Tae Kwon Do, Yoga and Tai Chi.

As director of a program with more than 300 students in five cities, Clark carefully screens assistant instructors to ensure they share his philosophy.

"I'm very careful when I'm interviewing prospective instructors" said Clark. "I've interviewed many and the first thing they tell me is 'I want to fight.' I tell them 'I'll see you.'"

"I look for people who are willing to teach kids respect for the art, discipline and self-control. We're trying to teach them that it's not about fighting. It's about the discipline of the art. It's not about the martial or the military aspect."

While the emphasis of the program is on discipline, part of that discipline is learning to execute martial arts technique within the controlled environment of tournament-style sparring.

Those that choose to participate in competitive sparring are also in capable hands. Clark's background includes years of successful tournament experience. Assistant instructor J.D. Underwood is currently the top-ranked sparring competitor in Oklahoma.

In 2002, he won the world sparring title in the Native American Martial Arts Association as well as the state title in sparring and forms.

Forms competitors perform a pre-arranged series of martial arts technique while judges evaluate the quality, speed, power and balance displayed by the martial artist.

Underwood said the Chickasaw Nation martial arts program has something for everyone.

"It's a good program for whatever a student needs," said Underwood. "If they just want to learn how to defend themselves or they want a good workout, or if they want to compete. Regardless of what they want to accomplish, it requires discipline."

Along with the discipline, Underwood also stresses that student show respect.

"I teach them to respect everybody," said Underwood. "I stress that a lot to the younger ones."

Luis Alvarez, who assists with teaching duties in Ardmore, strives to pass on the lessons he has learned in more than 10 years of martial arts experience. Lessons that helped turn his life around.

"If it wasn't for the martial arts, I think I would be in trouble," said Alvarez, who has been a reserve officer with the Ardmore Police Department for three years. "Everybody has their ups and downs in life. Martial arts really helped me see the light. Especially the quality instructors that I've dealt with, like Mr. Clark and (his first instructor) Mark Merritt. They really care about you."

"I hope that I can share some of my knowledge with the kids and they can learn something important from it."

Terry Blackburn said the life lessons he learned years ago as a martial arts student are the reason he encouraged his 14-year-old son, Abe, to join the program.

"The discipline and the attitude has stayed with me my whole life. So, that's what I'm hoping it will do with my son," said Blackburn. "The first month he was kind of hesitant, but since he got his orange belt, he hasn't slowed down or looked back. He's always telling his buddies about it trying to get them involved.

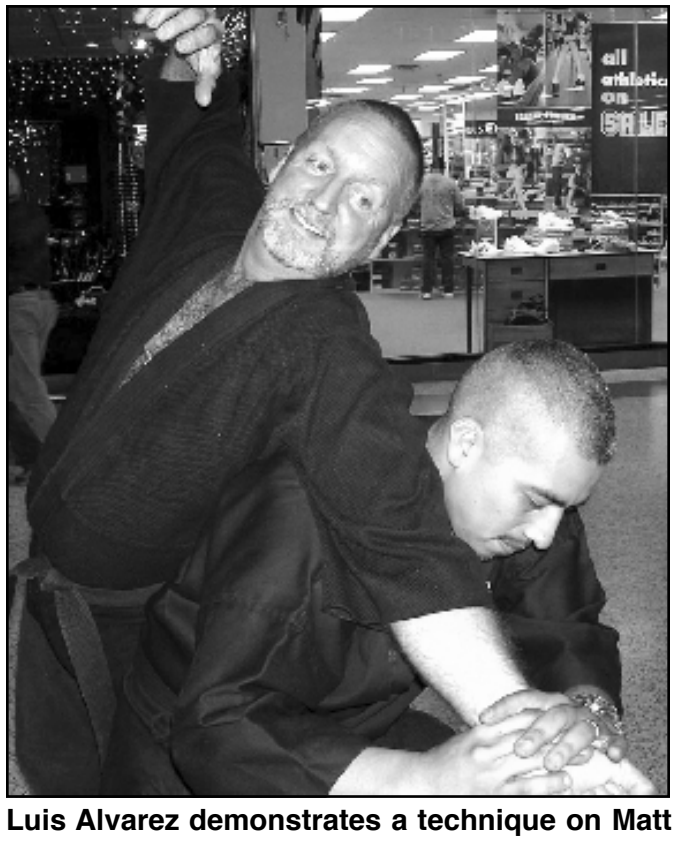
"He's always been an A student in school, but Matt checks his report cards every once in a while. They are very strict on that, if your grades start going down they want you to miss class, because grades are more important. He has a lot going on, but he is really dedicated to set aside an hour every night to practice. It's really helping him learn discipline."

Abe, who attends classes in Tishomingo, has been in the program for almost two years. He is preparing to test for his green belt in Shotokan Karate and Tae Kwon Do. He has entered four tournaments, where he won first and second place awards in sparring and forms.

""It gives you more confidence," said Abe. "It keeps you in shape so you don't get fat. It's pretty fun. It's pretty neat really."

Classes are provided free of charge to Chickasaw citizens and $15 per month for others.

For information, call (580) 310-6620, or (580) 272-5504.



Luis Alvarez demonstrates a technique on Matt Clark during a recent martial arts demonstration at Mountain View Mall in Ardmore, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation martial arts students demonstrate their technique at Mountain View Mall in Ardmore, Okla.

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Chickasaw Community Center
303 West Main
Tuesday
5:30-6:15 - Little Warriors (six and under)
6:15-7:30 - Kids Class (seven to 15)
7:30-8:00 - Aerobic Kickboxing
8:00 -9:00 - Adult Class
Thursday
5:30-6:15 - Little Warriors (six and under)
6:15-7:30 - Kids Class (seven to 15)
7:30-8:00 - Aerobic Kickboxing
8:00 -9:00 - Adult Class

Ada Class
Chickasaw Community Center Gym
520 Arlington
Tuesday
5:30-6:15 - Little Warriors (six and under)
6:15-7:30 - Kids Class (seven to 15)
7:30-8:00 - Aerobic Kickboxing
8:00 -9:00 - Adult Class
Thursday
5:30-6:15 - Little Warriors (six and under)
6:15-7:30 - Kids Class (seven to 15)
7:30-8:00 - Aerobic Kickboxing
8:00 -9:00 - Adult Class

Ardmore Class
Carter Seminary
2400 Chickasaw Blvd.
Monday
6:30-7:30 - Kids Class
7:30-8:00 - Aerobic Kickboxing
8:00-9:00 - Adult Class
Wednesday
6:30-7:30 - Kids Class
7:30-8:00 - Aerobic Kickboxing
8:00-9:00 - Adult Class

Purcell Class
Regional Office
1801 S. Green Ave.
Monday
6:30-7:30 - Kids Class
7:30-9:00 - Adult Class
Thursday
6:30-7:30 - Kids Class
7:30-9:00 - Adult Class

Tishomingo Class
Community Center
1203 Ray Branum Rd.
Tuesday
5:30-6:30 - Kids Class
6:30-8:00 - Adult Class
Thursday
6:30-7:30 - Kids Class
7:30-9:00 - Adult Class

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

First tribal Dance Camp brings in the kids

ADA, Okla. – Over 50 children now have a greater appreciation of dancing styles thanks to the first Chickasaw Nation Dance Camp conducted this summer in Ada.

The arts and humanities division partnered with Cara Crawford, owner and instructor of the Central Oklahoma Dance Center in Ada, to provide performance classes, mainly for the Chickasaw Children's Choir (CCC).

"The Dance Camp, to me, was a success due to the fact that it was filled with excited students, ready to learn about performing," said Laura Morrison, tribal arts in education manager. "Self-assurance, professionalism and creativity were instilled, while our cultural history was explored and preserved through the enchantment of wardrobe and make-up techniques."

Students were taught various dance styles including ballet, modern jazz, hip-hop and tribal dances. The camp also taught stage presence, theatrical costuming, stage make-up and hair, poise and self-esteem. The students made all the costuming and props for the camp. In addition, the campers served as ushers and house managers for the presentations.

"If they never dance again, they have gained confidence by standing in front of a group and not getting embarrassed," Crawford said at one performance.

Four sessions of the camp were offered: two junior camps and two teen camps. Each session lasted around three hours a day for five days. At the conclusion of the camp, the campers performed a final routine for guests.

CCC members were the majority of participants at the Dance Camp. Several other children who attended the camp inquired about becoming part of the CCC following the Dance Camp, Morrison said.

Throughout the year the CCC participates in many performances like the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival, Purcell Chautauqua 2004, Inauguration Parties, Artrain USA, as well as many others.

For more information about the CCC, contact Laura Morrison at (580) 421-7712.

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Chickasaw Children's Choir members Brandon Clifton and Michelle Williams perform a dance routine during the Dance Camp's final performance.

Four Dance Camp sessions were conducted at the Central Oklahoma Dance Center in Ada. The event was a partnership between the dance center and the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw, Code Talker at Chilocco

Chickasaw Overton "Buck" Cheadle, left, spoke with World War II Navajo Code Talker Bill Smith while the two were at a Chilocco Indian School reunion in Albuquerque. Military officials gave the Navajo man the name Bill Smith because they could not spell or pronounce his real name.

August 3 marks 'National Night Out'

Tribe co-hosts local crime fighting festivities

ADA, Okla. – On Aug. 3, about 500 area residents joined together for the National Night Out (NNO) celebration to give crime a "going away party."

The NNO event was designed to heighten awareness of crime, violence and drug prevention; generate support for and participation in local anticrime efforts and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Co-sponsors of the event, the Chickasaw Nation and East Central University, say the night was a huge success. A number of new agencies and organizations participated this year which allowed for a broader anticrime community effort.

"It just takes one person to make a difference," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "The National Night Out event was the result of many people working together to create a community effort that offered fun, information and entertainment."

Area citizens were invited to get acquainted with local firemen, law enforcement officers, emergency medical services, S.W.A.T. members, Oklahoman Highway Patrol officers, search and rescue team members, as well as many others.

"We rely on our law enforcement officers to get drugs and criminals off the streets," said Dr. Bill Cole, ECU president. "Our local 'Night Out' was a great way to meet officers, see what they do and learn how we can work together to have a safe community for our families."

Conducted from 6-9 p.m. on ECU's Administration lawn, the event featured refreshments, hot dogs, popcorn, balloons, tattoos and face painting. Furthermore, citizens enjoyed the evening's entertainment, moon bounce, dunk tank and over 40 information booths.

NNO was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) 20 years ago. The NNO celebration occurs on the first Tuesday every August.

For more information about future NNO festivities, phone Shawna Jackson, Chickasaw Nation youth leadership camp coordinator, at (580) 310-6620.

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OHP pilot James Basinger gives Jason Ellis, 5, and Blake Easterling, 4, a sticker at the National Night Out. The boys eagerly asked questions about the police helicopter.

BIA police officer Palmer Mosley poses with 2-year-old Zack Carroll, of Ada, at the NNO celebration.

Kristal Rhoten, with the tribe's administrative services division, sings the National Anthem to kick off festivities at the National Night Out. The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard also participated in the opening ceremony.

Micah Postoak, from Ada, eats a hotdog while she attends Ada's NNO festivities.

Chance Christian takes the opportunity to get his face painted by Thomas Bare at the Boys & Girls Club information booth.

Return from Japan

Reagan Hollard and Kyle Goodnight present Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby with a gift following their three-week stay in Japan. The two were accompanied on the trip by fellow student LeeAnn Goheen (not pictured) and adult sponsor Trey Logsdon, right. "Chickasaw Nation" is written in Japanese on the gift presented to Gov. Anoatubby.

Volleyball Tournament

Chickasaw Family Life Center
229 Seabrook Rd.
September 18, 2004, 9:15 a.m. (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Teams: 4-6 players, co-ed, recreational play
Cost: $45 early registration (deadline for early registration is Sept. 13, 2004) or $50 after deadline and on site.
Registration forms can be picked up at the Youth Service Building located at 224 Rosedale Road, or call (580) 310-6620.
For more information contact Nicole, (580) 310-6179, Tisha, (580) 332-7299 or Jason, (580) 310-2680.
Sponsored by the Pontotoc District Youth Council of the Chickasaw Nation

Chickasaw Foundation announces scholarship awards

The 2004 Chickasaw Foundation scholarship recipients are, front row from left , Ashley Williams, Misty Airington, Kayla Carmichael and Amber Dunn. Back row from left, James Bettes, Randall Hamilton, Zack Skinner, Wesley Moreland and Chris Carpenter. Winners not pictured are Mindy Morgan, Elizabeth Parker, Avery Kuykendall, Tosha Colvin, Larry Thompson, Brandi Foy and Avery Fisher.

ADA, Okla. – This year 17 scholarships totaling over $26,000 were awarded to scholarship recipients at the fourth annual Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship Reception July 27.

"These students are truly the cream of the crop," Chickasaw Foundation Chairman Deanna Hartley-Kelso told the crowd at the reception.

The number of Chickasaw Foundation scholarships and the number of requests for scholarships are steadily increasing. This year, nearly 600 applications were submitted for the 2004 scholarships.

"The Chickasaw Nation congratulates these outstanding students on their academic success," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "We are very proud of our scholarship recipients and thankful for our generous donors."

This year's award winners are:

· Chris Carpenter, from Ada, Okla., was the recipient of the **John Bennett Herrington Scholarship** for a maximum of $10,000 annually, for up to two years. Chris is a junior at the University of Tulsa, majoring in electrical engineering.

The John Bennett Herrington Scholarship was established by the Chickasaw Nation to honor Mr. Herrington, the first enrolled Native American to fly in space.

· Mindy Morgan, from Denton, Texas, received the **Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship** for $500. Mindy will be a freshman at Abilene Christian University this fall. She plans to have a double major in advertising and business.

The Native American Fund Advisors is one of a few Indian owned and operated fee based investment management firms in the United States.

· Ashley Williams, from Hendrix, Okla., is a junior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She won the **Bank2 Banking Scholarship-In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton** for $3,000. Her major is general business and she is presently employed at Shamrock Bank, N.A. in Durant, Okla.

· Elizabeth Parker, from Lufkin, Texas, received the **Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship** for $1,000. Elizabeth is a freshman at Angelina College, majoring in business. In the future, she plans to transfer to San Jacinto Community College.

· Avery Kuykendall, from Ozark, Ark., received the **Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship** for $500. Avery will be a freshman at the University of Central Arkansas this fall, majoring in management/marketing.

· Zack Skinner, of Carlsbad, N.M., received the **Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship** for $500. Zack will be a junior at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in finance. He is a previous winner of the Bank2 Banking Scholarship-In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton.

Bank2 is owned 100 percent by the Chickasaw Nation. The bank began operations in January 2002. It is the fastest growing minority-owned bank in the country.

· Misty Airington, from Velma Alma, Okla., is the winner of the **Native American Women's Entrepreneurial Scholarship** for $1,800. Misty is a senior at East Central University. Her major is business administration with a concentration in entrepreneurship and MIS. She is a previous winner of this scholarship.

The Avon Products Foundation awarded the Chickasaw Foundation with a grant to establish the Native American Women's Entrepreneurial Scholarship.

· James Bettes, from Wilburton, Okla., received the **Gene & Sonam Hill Computercraft Corporation Scholarship** for $1,500. James is a sophomore at the University of Central Oklahoma, majoring in engineering physics.

Computercraft is a leading professional services company providing technical, scientific and management services to government agencies and the private sector.

· Tosha Colvin, from Kingston, Okla., is the winner of the **Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship** for $500. Tosha will be a freshman at Southeastern Oklahoma State University this fall. She has plans to transfer within two years to Oklahoma State University where she will major in music business.

Mrs. J. Wenonah Gunning established this scholarship to honor her husband of nearly 60 years. Mr. Gunning worked at Sohio Petroleum, in Oklahoma City, as an accounting manager. He retired from there in 1984 after 37 years with the company.

· Wesley Moreland, from Asher, Okla., was awarded the **Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship** for $2,000. Wesley is a senior at Oklahoma Baptist University, majoring in social science, secondary education.

Mr. Baker is the chairman and CEO of Chickasaw Distributors, Inc., named in honor of the Chickasaw Nation and its people, is a highly specialized service company in the oil and gas industry.

· Jessica Robertson, from McKinney, Texas, received the **Mary K. Moreland and Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship** for $1,500. She is a junior at the University of Texas at Dallas, majoring in literary studies and psychology.

Mary Moreland and Daniel Jenks say they encourage scholarship recipients do make the most of each opportunity presented to them.

· Kayla Carmichael, from Byng, Okla., was the winner of the **Ann Eubank Health Scholarship** for $500. Kayla will be a freshman at East Central University this fall, majoring in pre-pharmacy.

Ann's family established a health care scholarship to honor her memory.

· Larry Thompson, from Amarillo, Texas, won the **Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship** for $1,000. Larry graduated from West Texas A&M University. He is a graduate student at Texas Tech University Health Science Center at Amarillo. He plans to graduate as a Doctor of Pharmacy in May 2005. He is a previous winner of this scholarship.

Captain Kruger entered the Indian Health Service in 1962. He was the only man in the history of the Indian Health Service to plan, build, staff and operate a new hospital.

· Brandi Foy, from Artesia, N.M., was the winner of the **Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship** for $500. Brandi will be a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in journalism.

This scholarship was established by the Chickasaw Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that was founded in 1971.º The Foundation seeks to preserve, promote and protect Chickasaw culture and development in a wide range of areas, from historic preservation to healthcare.

· Randall Hamilton, from Latta, Okla., received the **Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship** for $500. Randall is a sophomore at East Central University, majoring in business administration.

Mr. Walton was a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature for more than nine years, serving as chairman for two years. He was very involved in teaching moral values and sportsmanship through his work

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Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students earn 'Best All Around' during All Sports Day

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students attended the annual **All Sports Day** at Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU) in Durant on June 24 and 25. They competed against other students from SOSU's Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science, and Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City's Upward Bound. The schedule of events included Tug of War, New Games Competition, bowling, horseshoes, swimming, softball, Name That Tune, Earthball, Quiz Bowl, chess, dominoes, Jenga, board games, 1 Mile Relay, weightlifting, volleyball and basketball. In addition to earning the **Best All Around Traveling Trophy,** trophies and plaques were won in the following categories:

Men's Volleyball – 1st Place

Team: Chris Moreno, Chris Boston, Alex Tickel, Sam Johnson, Shannon Underwood, Jeremy Strang, Matt MacDonald, T.J. Phipps, Josh Sisco, Clifton Keck, Curtis Harpole, Tim Underwood and Tyler Waggoner.

Women's Volleyball – 1st Place

Team: Amber Samis, Rana Sanner, Rebekah Ritchie, Cotie Poe, Jordin Tipton, Annester Wilson, April South, Lee Smith, Kayla Lafferty, Michelle Brandeyer, Lindsey Fanning, Kasondra Yates, Bonnie Scott and Amanda Riley.

Women's Basketball – 1st Place

Team: Cotie Poe, Rebekah Ritchie, Sage Burns, Ashley Morgan, Amanda Riley, Amanda Sanner, Brittany Waldrop and Jennifer Gordy.

Men's Basketball – 1st Place

Team: Alex Tickel, T.J. Phipps, Matt MacDonald, Jimmy Robertson, Josh McWilliams, James Smith, Chase Nichols, Jeremy Strang, Chase Martin and Josh Sisco.

Coed Softball – 1st Place

Team: Alex Tickel, Josh Sisco, Tim Underwood, Sage Burns, Rebekah Ritchie, Katie Howeth, Jennifer Gordy, Jeremy Strang, Cotie Poe, Sam Johnson, Shannon Underwood, Matt MacDonald, Brooke Gilbert and Amanda Riley.

Tug-of-War-Girls – 2nd Place

Team: Janie Taylor, Heather Rawls, April South, Kayla Lafferty, Jennifer Benner, Annester Wilson, Kasondra Yates, Lee Smith, Jennifer Gordy and Sheimeka Davis.

Tug-of-War-Boys – 2nd Place

Team: Felix Rodriquez, Detrick Mowdy, Jeremy Ezell, Shannon Underwood, Michael Brown, Alex Tickel, Josh Sisco, Chris Boston, Tim Underwood and Clifton Keck.

1 Mile Coed Relay – 2nd Place

Team: Curtis Harpole, Bryant Furr, Brooke Gilbert and Angela Moore.

Swimming 1 Length - Girls - 1st Place & **Swimming 2 Lengths** - Girls – 1st Place

Team: Amanda Sanner and Brooke Gilbert.

Swimming 1 Length - Boys – 1st Place & **Swimming 2 Lengths - Boys** – 2nd Place

Chase Nichols.

Earthball-Girls – 1st Place

Team: April South, Heather Rawls, Jennifer Wyler, Amber Samis and Lee Smith.

Earthball-Boys – 1st Place

Team: Chris Boston, Michael Brown, Kevan McBride, Detrick Mowdy, Clifton Keck, Jeremy Ezell and Andrew Williams.

Bench Press to 140 lbs. - Girls – 1st Place

Team: Jennifer Wyler, Jessica Willis and Jennifer Benner.

Leg Press to 140 lbs. - Girls – 1st & 2nd Place

Team: Shemeka Davis and Katie Howeth.

Bench Press 190 lbs+ - Boys – 2nd Place, **Bench Press 160-189 lbs. - Boys** – 1st Place,

Leg Press 190 lbs.+ - Boys - 2nd Place, **Leg Press 160-189 lbs.+ - Boys** – 2nd Place

Leg Press to 159 lbs. - Boys – 1st Place & 2nd Place

Team: Chris Moreno, Clifton Keck, Sam Johnson, Andrew Williams, Felix Martinez, Detrick Mowdy, Jeremy Ezell and Tim Underwood.

Bowling – 3rd Place

Team: Breken Eason, Riley Harpole, Curtis Harpole and Jaymes Eddy.

Jenga Challenge – 1st Place

Keith Watkins.

Quiz Bowl – 2nd Place

Team: Keith Watkins, Jeremy Webb, Josh Hammond, Sarah Kirk and Curtis Harpole.

Horseshoes - Boys – 2nd Place

Team: J.R. Wyler and Nick Lambert.

Board Game Challenge – 2nd Place

Team: Josh Hammond, Susan Bray, Janelle Messenger, Stephanie Benner and Kayla Lafferty.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound team members participating in All Sports Day included Michelle Brandauer, Ashley Dixon, Curtis Harpole, Riley Harpole, Katie Howeth, Beth Huddleston, Nicholas Lambert, Matt MacDonald, John Maple, Chase Martin, Felix Martinez, Cotie Poe, Heather Rawls, Rebekah Ritchie, Bonnie Scott, Josh Sisco, Lee Smith, April South, Jeremy Strang, Janie Taylor, Alex Tickel, Jordin Tipton, Shannon Underwood, Tim Underwood, Tyler Waggoner, Keith Watkins, Andrew Williams, Kasondra Yates, Josh Hammond, Jennifer Benner, Chris Boston, Michael Brown, Sheimeka Davis, Jaymes Eddy, Jeremy Ezell, Brooke Gilbert, Samuel Johnson, Clifton Keck, Kayla Lafferty, Amanda Leyva, Josh McWilliams, Jannelle Messenger, Chris Moreno, Ashley Morgan, Detrick Mowdy, Amanda Riley, Jimmy Robertson, Amber Samis, Amanda Sanner, Rana Sanner, James Smith, Annester Wilson, James Wyler, Jennifer Wyler, Bryant Furr, Brecken Eason, Stephanie Benner, Josh Arrington, Susan Bray, Sage Burns, Lindsey Fanning, Jennifer Gordy, Jacob Hubbard, Sarah Kirk, Kevan McBride, Angela Moore, Chase Nichols, Travis Phipps, Brittany Waldrop, Jeremy Webb, Jessica Willis and Jacob Gonzales. Congratulations to each of you!!

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with local baseball, basketball and football programs.

The Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship was established by the Chickasaw Nation with sponsorship by the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature and the Johnston County Chamber of Commerce.º

· Amber Dunn, from Tishomingo, Okla., a junior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, won the **Frederick L. Hill, the Hill Group Scholarship** for $1,000. Her major is psychology.

Frederick Hill said "In a small way, I hope to give back to the Tribe for their support."

· Avery Fisher, from Ardmore, Okla., won the **Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship** for $500. Avery will be a freshman at Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass., majoring in psychology.

Ms. James was the first person in her immediate family to graduate from college. She held degrees from several universities. Her studies included drama, English and history. She was interested in genealogy and proud of her Chickasaw heritage.

During the reception, Chickasaw Foundation Executive Director Johnna Walker thanked the donors for their continued support.

"The Foundation is able to establish wonderful working relationships with donors who have a heart for assisting students with their educational endeavors," Walker said.

"The Foundation acts as the glue that brings the students and donors together through the sharing and presentation of awards during the scholarship reception," Walker said. "That brings us true joy knowing we can play a role in that process."

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James Adair and the Chickasaws, Part III

Religion central to mid-18th Century Chickasaw life

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Author's Note: In Part II, I used James Adair's book, History of American Indians to illustrate the importance of religious ritual to Chickasaw warriors. In fact, their spiritual lives and lives as warriors were inseparable. In this essay, I use extracts from throughout the book to show the pervasiveness of religion in the lives of all 18th century Chickasaws. There is probably no equivalent in modern American society, and if there were, the practitioners probably would be called obsessive-compulsives. Adair, an English trader and agent, traded with the tribe and helped supply it with firepower when Chickasaws were under siege by the French and their Indian allies through much of the 1740s and '50s. Adair lived with the Chickasaws on and off from 1744-68 and hints in his book that he may have had a Chickasaw wife.

As important as religion was to Southeastern Indians, James Adair didn't treat the subject separately in his book. Readers will not find a chapter on the spirit world because he organized his book with other objectives in mind. Most references to tribal religion are interspersed in the book's first major section, in which Adair presents 200 plus pages of "arguments," his evidence that American Indians descended from ancient Hebrews.

While Adair is nothing if not diligent in pursuing that goal, he inadvertently presented a mosaic of Southeastern tribal spiritual life that is by far the best description in the 18th century historical record. He wrote about Indian deities and how their divine messages were passed to the people, the concepts of heaven and hell, the power of Indian priests and prophets, the annual spiritual renewal ceremony, the importance of daily purification rituals and he made several observations that the Indians' ancient religious beliefs and practices were degrading with time.

Despite this wealth of information, a significant drawback of Adair's book to scholars is that he often did not identify the tribe whose custom or activity he was describing. As a result, some writers have handled the identification dilemma by applying a virtual one-size-fits-all approach to whatever Adair described. This rationalization often is based on the presumption that Southeastern tribes had many similar practices and beliefs. If the Muskohges (Adair's spelling) did something a certain way, the other tribes probably did, too. References like this abound in the work of John Swanton, the great Smithsonian ethnologist who studied Southeastern tribes (including the Chickasaw) more exhaustively than anyone since Adair. In the section on religion in his work, *Social and Religious Usages of the Chickasaw Indians*, Swanton's primary source is Adair. In other words, Swanton is ascribing most of Adair's observations on religion to the Chickasaw.

Anthropologist Charles Hudson, when he was researching his excellent volume, *The Southeastern Indians*, also found much evidence of cultural similarities among the tribes. This was based, he wrote, on archaeological findings and the writing of non-Indian observers such as Adair, who remarked on the similarity of tribal stories and features throughout the Southeast. Hudson also added that the amalgamation of one tribe into another occurred "with ease, which implies that the tribes thought much the same way."

Another way to associate a practice with a tribe is by seeking confirmation from other sources. I reviewed the writing of other visitors to the Chickasaw, both before and after Adair, looking for passages about religion that I might be able to match with Adair's descriptions. Unfortunately, their accounts contained only scant mention of Chickasaw spirituality.* The reason, I believe, was the brief time that these observers spent with the Chickasaw. Some tribal members were willing to discuss different aspects of tribal life with outsiders, but not the spirit world. That remains generally so even today, and interviewers and researchers should be mindful of the adage, "those who know, don't talk; and those who talk, don't know."

Adair's scattered notes on Indian religion in his book are far from complete. That his book contains so much on Indian religion is a testament to his intelligence, curiosity, tenacity and patience. But, just as important was the longevity of his relationship with the tribes, particularly the Chickasaw. If he were an intermarried Chickasaw, he probably would have had access to ceremonies and information that otherwise would have been off limits. That he described only public ceremonies might signify that he was not an intermarried citizen and therefore not privy to many of the customs and rituals inherent in daily family or clan life. Or, it is possible that as a family or clan member, he adopted the Chickasaw way of not sharing such information with outsiders, including the readers of his book.

While we will never know many of the details of 18th century Chickasaw spiritual life, reading Adair in the proper context at least gives the flavor and establishes the fact that the Chickasaw culture and religion were indivisible. When the first Christian missionaries started preaching to the Chickasaw, the Indians must have been incredulous. According to Adair, they referred to white men in their language as "nothings."

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James Adair undoubtedly had multiple sources of information on religion. Rather than synthesize the material into a narrative that made sense to him and presumably his readers, he reported his "evidence" in the book's text to bolster his Hebrew ancestry arguments. This occasionally makes for confusing and contradictory information.

In writing about the Indians' conception of God, Adair often spelled out Indian speech (which he didn't identify by tribe) and then translated it into English. Presumably the language was Chickasaw, the one he knew best. Many of Adair's Indian words are close phonetically to Chickasaw and have the same meaning, according to the work of Chickasaw speaker JoAnn Ellis, who examined a list of Adair's Indian words.

One that doesn't, *ishtohoollo,* meant God or some variation to Adair, but means witch to today's Chickasaw speakers. How could this be? One possible explanation: a Chickasaw priest, quoted by Adair, said that God was continually weighing the people, measuring out good or bad things according to their action. As more and more Chickasaws became Christian in the 19th and 20th centuries, the malevolent aspects of *ishtohoollo* may have become dominant.

That difference aside, *Loak-Ishtohoollo-Aba* is the "great, beneficent supreme holy spirit of fire," according to Adair. He is both above the clouds and with the unpolluted people on earth. He created all warmth, light and life. This wording is very close to the description attributed to a Chickasaw priest in another part of the book. He said that God resided on earth in the "unpolluted holy fire, and likewise above the clouds and sun, in the shape of a fine fiery substance, attended by a great many "beloved people."

On another page, Adair has the people referring to God as Yohewah (Chioowa, according to JoAnn Ellis). The people worship him in the smoke of the annual holy fire and in clouds, though they also say he is everywhere and always present.

At another place in the book, the Indians believe the good spirits inhabit the "higher re-

*See **James Adair,** page 25*

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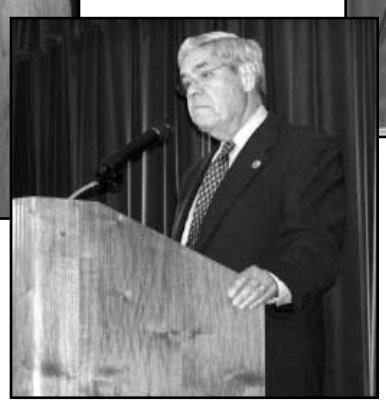

'A Tribute to Chickasaw Tom Cole' was conducted August 12 at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada. Congressman Cole was honored by nearly 800 Chickasaws in attendance. Clockwise from top left, Congressman Cole and Gov. Bill Anoatubby; emcee State Sen. Danny Hilliard; enjoying the buffet meal; Sheilla Brashier with the mask and gorget presented to Congressman Cole; Chickasaw balladeer David Ballard; Chickasaw and former Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Neal McCaleb; Congressman Cole. At bottom left, attendees enjoy the special "chocolate fountain" courtesy of tribal enterprise Bedre Chocolates.

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This contest runsthrough August and all current participants in our Homeowners Program are eligible to enter by calling (580) 421-8855.

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Chickasaw History Quiz: Across the Centuries Version

by Richard Green

1. Many tribes have an origin story. Which is the most well-known Chickasaw version of their origin?

A. They originated with their discovery by Hernando de Soto.
B. They emerged from the ocean onto the land.
C. They originated when they split apart from the Choctaw.
D. They originated in east Asia and crossed the land bridge into North America.

2. Piomingo led a faction of the tribe that made alliances with which colonial power?
A. United States
B. France
C. Spain
D. Mexico

3. 1855 was one of the most important and significant years in Chickasaw history. Why?

A. The war with the Choctaw ended.
B. At the Treaty of Washington, the Chickasaws negotiated and purchased their own sovereign land from the Choctaws.
C. The Chickasaws defeated the Comanches who had been stealing their livestock.
D. The Chickasaw Constitution was drafted and ratified by the people.

4. One of the Chickasaw Nation's first economic development plans took place at Kullihoma, the tribal land near Allen, OK. What was it?
A. Cattle ranching
B. Cotton production
C. Manufacturing jet airplane parts

*See **Answers to Chickasaw History Quiz,** page 31*

Chickasaw, Native American art exhibits set for Ada

ADA, Okla. – A Chickasaw Art Show and the Artrain USA will both be in Ada this month.

First, the **Chickasaw Art Show at the Old Bank Gallery** will begin Sept. 17 through Oct. 2 at 201 West Main Street in Ada.

The three-week event will feature a reception for the public on Sept. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to tour the gallery and participating artists may have artwork for sale.

A contemporary Native American exhibition will premier onboard **Artrain USA**, beginning Sept. 23 in Ada. The event is co-sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation and the Ada Arts and Humanities Council.

The train will be located at the BNSF trainmaster's office between Townsend and Broadway.

Artrain USA is America's Hometown Art Museum. A not-for-profit organization, its mission is to enrich lives and build communities through the arts. As an art museum housed in vintage rail cars and traveling via the nation's railways, Artrain USA brings world class art exhibitions and art education programs to communities and their residents. Artrain USA delivers exceptional opportunities for learning, growth and art appreciation while encouraging the development of local cultural programs and organizations.

The Native American art exhibition: *Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture* explores the ways Native American artists are influenced by popular culture and will offer mainstream America the opportunity to look at and consider different insights into contemporary society. In addition, the exhibition seeks to redefine Native American art by broadening the limits and stereotypes that currently define it.

On Sept. 23, a reception is scheduled at the Arts and Heritage Center, 14th and Rennie Streets, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The reception is for Artrain USA sponsors, volunteers and crew members. The Chickasaw Children's Choir will perform at the reception.

School tours of the Artrain USA will begin on Sept. 24. Also, that evening will host the ECU alumni tour. Schools will also tour the Artrain on Sept. 27 and 28.

On Sept. 25 and Sept. 26, the Artrain will open to the public. There will be an opening ceremony for the public on Sept. 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Scott Wingo, with the tribal human resources department, is chairing the art show volunteers. In addition, Laura Morrison, tribal arts in education manager, is coordinating the artists that will be demonstrating and assisting in the children's tent at Artrain USA.

All events lead up to the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival Art Exhibit 2004, Sept. 28 through Oct. 2. The exhibit, on the second floor of the Historic Capitol Building in Tishomingo, will feature art by Chickasaw artists.

For more information on these exhibits, contact the Chickasaw Nation division of arts and humanities at (580) 332-1092.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

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gions" and attend "virtuous" people. The "accursed people" are relegated to the dark regions of the west and preside over "vicious" people. To keep the accursed spirits away from their houses when a relative dies, Indians immediately fire off guns and make whooping sounds through the night and periodically afterward.

According to ancient tradition, the people's virtuous ancestors are with God, and they are the models that the priests constantly exhort people to imitate. These ancestors were considered virtuous because they strictly observed the "beloved speech." The "beloved speech" evidently referred to the tribe's oral tradition of passing along rules of conduct. If the people remain on course, or pure, God will bless them. That could mean good crops and hunting, adequate rain, victories over enemies and the admission to join their beloved ancestors and God.

Tradition also said that the forefathers were endowed (by God) with a "divine spirit" that enabled them to predict the future and control nature. This divine spirit was transmitted to their descendants if they obeyed the associated sacred laws (which were not identified.) These favored and virtuous descendants were referred to alternately as prophets, priests or rain-makers.

Each village had one chief prophet assisted by lesser prophets. They were usually somewhat aged (probably in their 30s or 40s) because the eldest in line inherited the position rather than earned it the way warriors advanced up the ranks. Adair didn't like the idea of inheriting rank, evidently rejecting the idea that "divine spirit" could be transmitted down through generations. As a result, he had little good to say about the prophets, occasionally describing them like crafty or selfish frauds, undeserving of the power they had over the people.

For example, Adair wrote that rain-makers, who "mediate" for the people with the "bountiful holy Spirit of fire," almost always avoided their rain-making obligation until the people become restive or the prophet sensed favorable (meteorological) conditions. If the drought continued, he could blame the people for their "wicked" behavior, which apparently could trump his own proper behavior, fasting and purifying himself and living in accord with the "beloved speech."

The prophet (or priest, Adair uses the words interchangeably) sometimes concluded with a religious caution to the "penitent," advising them to "mend their manners." The old women, in effect, become his allies as they will "exclaim loudly against the young people," for the elders "are sure of their own steady virtue." But, if the drought continued, the people might assemble to "make proper enquiry into the true cause" of the disaster. If the people felt that the rain-maker was to blame, he could be executed. Likewise, one rain-maker who was too successful, and brought severe flooding, was shot dead.

In his book, Adair reproduced his version of a discussion he had with a Chickasaw chief priest, who was defending himself against charges that he had taken a large share of the crops to the disadvantage of the aged and helpless. The priest defended himself by asserting that his sacred work was between himself and the deity. No one was in a position to judge his work, much less blame him.

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One of Adair's best descriptions is of the sacred, ritualistic and multi-day annual renewal or purification rite, referred to as the green corn ceremony. Though Adair doesn't name the tribe, the Muscogee, Cherokee and others are known to have practiced the ceremony, and there is plenty of circumstantial evidence that the Chickasaw did as well. While particulars of the ceremony varied from tribe to tribe, the common purpose was spiritual renewal and forgiveness for all wrongs except murder. The description which follows is merely a glimpse from Adair's 19-page description of what he called the annual rite of atonement.**

The high priest, wearing a white dress coat without sleeves, and new white buckskin moccasins special for this ceremony, enters the sacred square to sit on a white seat covered with "white-drest buckskin" and adorned with white (perhaps shell) beads. Drummers begin a rhythmic beating of skins stretched tight over earthen vessels. Six "old beloved women," their hair glistening with bear's grease, dance the beloved dance on the holy ground surrounding the sacred fire. They carry bundles of branches and wear tortoise-shell shakers tied by buckskin to each of their legs. They are joined by six white-plumed priests, carrying branches in one hand and a white-feathered cane in the other.

The eldest leads the dance around the sacred fire and chants Yah-Yo-He-Wah to their Creator. The chant witnessed by Adair has meaning to Indian stomp dancers today, both then as now only in the context of the dance and the blessing the people are seeking, according to Tim Harjo, the Chickasaw Nation's dance troupe coordinator.

As an aside about the green corn dance, Adair noted that as the Indians "degenerate, they lengthen their dances and shorten the time of their fasts and purifications." By degenerate, he means that they have corrupted their traditional rites and customs over the "past thirty years." But, has altering rites and customs necessarily corrupted or weakened them?

When the dance breaks up the beloved women return to "hasten the feast of the new sanctified fruits (the corn) while the others consume "cusseena and other bitter liquids" to purge sin from their bodies. To complete the process, they immediately wash away the wrongs they have committed, most likely in a river.

When the people have reassembled at the sacred square, the women bring the corn and other crops which the sacred fire has bestowed upon them. The food is served "according to their stated order and reputed merit," beginning with those sitting in the white seat and the red seat. They feast to the end of the festival, because the sacred fire has been appeased for past crimes and has "sanctified their weighty harvest" for the year to come.

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* Principally Thomas Nairne, Bernard Romans, and H.B. Cushman.

**In the Williams' edition, see pages 87-88, 101-117.

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Developing healthy routine works

The Power of Prevention: stopping diabetes takes practice

Debra Jim

By Debra Jim
Member of the *Small Steps. Big Rewards.* Team to Prevent type 2 Diabetes

We have a lot of routines and habits. Some good, some bad. And we all have a few we need to change. But how often do any of us really embrace a change in routine or a change in habit that also empowers our community? Adopting a routine of healthy eating and physical activity to prevent type 2 diabetes is that sort of change, and it offers powerful rewards.

As an American Indian, I knew I was at risk for developing type 2 diabetes. My mother had it, her mother had it, and many of my aunts and uncles had it. I knew that I couldn't just sit around waiting for it to happen to me.

My job makes it hard to come up with excuses not to be active — I work at the Chickasaw Nation's Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, where American Indians receive medical treatment for illnesses arising largely from unhealthy eating and not enough physical activity. I knew I had to change my eating habits and get moving. But would it do any good? The answer is yes. The good news is that we have the power to improve our health and change our destiny. But it means we have to stick to a new routine — a routine of making healthy living a priority.

Two years ago, I started working out, and in the last six months I have even added weight training to my routine. I work out at home with my husband and as a family we encourage each other to do some form of physical activity each day so we can live healthier lives.

I'll admit establishing my routine took time. But I found that as I became more committed to myself and physical activity, I became more committed to other routines in my life and accepted them more willingly. It's true what they say about physical activity changing your outlook on life, but what's even more exciting is that routine physical activity can actually change the outcome of our lives by preventing or delaying type 2 diabetes.

Recently, I joined the National Diabetes Education Program's *Small Steps. Big Rewards.* Team to help empower my community to take small steps toward a healthier future. We know that diabetes severely threatens the well-being of the American Indian community. But the good news is that we can educate our loved ones that "We Have the Power to Prevent Diabetes," and we will be taking steps to fight back against this health threat endangering our community.

The power is within us to reverse the high incidence of type 2 diabetes in our community. But we must listen to those who have already taken the right path and learn by their example. Then our individual routines can produce a collective good — a healthy and vibrant American Indian and Alaska Native community.

For more tips on how you can prevent type 2 diabetes, visit www.ndep.nih.gov or call 1-800-438-5383 and ask for the "We Have the Power to Prevent Diabetes" tip sheet.

Debra Jim lives in Ada, OK with her husband and two children. She is an administrative assistant for the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. As a member of the National Diabetes Education Program's Small Steps. Big Rewards. *Team, Mrs. Jim is leading by example to show that type 2 diabetes can be prevented in the American Indian and Alaska Native communities.*

Drop a little weight and hold off diabetes

Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H.

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National Diabetes Education Program and Assistant Professor, Mel and Enid Zuckerman Arizona College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Diabetes is an epidemic in American Indian and Alaska Native communities, but we can fight back. The good news is that clinical studies have shown that by losing a small amount of weight, we can stop the diabetes epidemic in its tracks and live longer, healthier lives.

Here are the facts: American Indians and Alaska Natives are, on average, 2.3 times more likely to have diabetes than non-Hispanic whites of a similar age. According to the Indian Health Service, more than 100,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives are being treated for type 2 diabetes. And in the southeastern United States and in southern Arizona, about 28 percent of American Indians 20 years and older have diabetes—*that's more than one in every four people.*

As American Indians and Alaska Natives we *can* and *must* take charge of our health, or diabetes will continue to increase in our communities. Diabetes and its complications are destroying the dreams and goals of too many of our people, even our children. We have the power to stop the epidemic, but we must take action now.

The Diabetes Prevention Program, a research study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), showed that people who are overweight and at high risk for diabetes can lower their high blood sugar levels and prevent the onset of diabetes. How? By losing 5 to 7 percent of body weight through eating a lower fat and lower calorie diet and walking five days a week for 30 minutes a day. American Indians and Alaska Natives participated in this study and helped to prove that it is possible to prevent diabetes. Finally, our communities have hope.

The National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) is working with American Indian and Alaska Native health professionals to spread the good news in Indian Country and in Alaska. The program has created the *Small Steps. Big Rewards. Prevent type 2 Diabetes* campaign and its tailored message for American Indians and Alaska Natives, "We Have the Power to Prevent Diabetes."

The "We have the Power to Prevent Diabetes" campaign provides free information and tools designed to help educate American Indians and Alaska Natives at risk for diabetes on how they can take the small steps needed to prevent the disease. There are tip sheets, posters, public service ads, and a GAME PLAN kit, complete with a fat and calorie counter and a physical activity tracker. These materials use motivational messages from community members to encourage each of us to take steps to prevent diabetes.

We must take action now. American Indians and Alaska Natives must develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle, eat more fruits and vegetables, more low-fat meats and poultry, and less high-fat, high calorie foods. And we simply must *move* more and get regular physical activity and exercise. With these small steps, we can transform the current epidemic of type 2 diabetes into a distant memory.

To be successful in this fight against diabetes, we must work together. Help your loved ones and others in our communities harness their power to prevent diabetes. Help them realize that it doesn't require climbing a mountain or jogging five miles a day. Life-changing results can be achieved by losing a small amount of weight through healthy eating and getting 30 minutes of physical activity, such as walking, five days a week. Help our community understand that diabetes prevention is proven, possible, and powerful, and taking small steps yield big rewards. We do have the power to prevent diabetes.

For more information about diabetes prevention, call 1-800-438-5383 and get your free GAME PLAN for preventing type 2 diabetes or visit www.ndep.nih.gov.

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Power to Prevent Diabetes awareness campaign launched in Ada

A public awareness campaign launched by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services August 10 at the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center is designed to drive home the message that Native Americans can fight the high incidence of type 2 diabetes by making modest lifestyle changes.

About 40 percent of Americans ages 40 to 74 - or 41 million people - have pre-diabetes, a condition that raises a person's risk of developing type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. Native Americans are 2.3 times more likely to develop diabetes as whites of similar age.

This campaign, called "We Have the Power to Prevent Diabetes" targets those at highest risk for developing the disease. Testimonials from Native Americans who have made lifestyle changes to prevent diabetes are used to encourage others to do the same.

"We are asking American Indians and Alaska Natives to fight back because they are at high risk for type 2 diabetes. We're showing them how to take action to prevent or delay this devastating disease," said Dr. Griffin Rodgers, Deputy Director of the National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). "The key is regular physical activity and modest weight loss, as little as 5 to 7 percent of your body weight. We want to encourage people to take this message of good health to their families and their communities, so we can put an end to the diabetes epidemic."

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said the tribe's participation in the campaign is one of many ways they are working to help citizens prevent diabetes and other health problems.

"Prevention is a very high priority for our health system," said Governor Anoatubby. "We offer a variety of education, instruction and incentives which have been very effective in encouraging many of our citizens to make healthier life-style choices.

"Hopefully, this campaign will convince even more people across the nation to employ the power they possess to prevent this terrible disease."

Tom John, director of health planning and policy for the Chickasaw Nation Health System, helped develop the campaign and took part in the launch activities.

"Diabetes is ravaging our community. We, as Native Americans must spread the word about the many ways we can beat this devastating disease," said John.

Debra Jim, a member of National Diabetes Education Program's "Small Steps. Big Rewards Team to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes" spoke at the event.

"I adopted my healthy lifestyle and committed myself to informing my family and friends about the rewards it brings - freedom from blindness, from amputation, from daily injections of insulin," said Ms. Jim. "My older relatives have it, so I am starting with myself and working with my children to break the cycle of this devastating disease in generation after generation. We do have the power to change. It's within all of us."

Several other Chickasaws are also involved in the campaign.

Sheila and Mandy Bennett, Christie Byars and Edmond Postoak, all Chickasaws, will soon be appearing on posters across the United States as part of the ad campaign.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Nation Promotes Healthy Lifestyles

Participation in the "We Have the Power to Prevent Diabetes" public awareness campaign is only one of many Chickasaw Nation efforts to help its citizens prevent diabetes.

Chickasaw Nation preventive health efforts include the Family Life Center in Ada, the Diabetes Care Center, the Moccasin Trails program, senior nutrition centers, numerous health clinics and the Community Health Representative program.

The 30,000-plus square foot Family Life Center features a gymnasium, water aerobics pool, walking track, wellness center with state-of-the-art exercise equipment and instruction as well as aerobics and martial arts classes.

Nutrition education, menu planning and hands on cooking instruction are offered in a large training kitchen in the facility.

All facilities and classes are free to Chickasaw citizens, employees and immediate family and available to others for a nominal fee.

Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Public Health Professor at the University of Arizona and Chair of NDEP's American Indian and Alaska Native Work Group, said the partnership of community-based healthy living programs, such as the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center and a national public awareness campaign, is a prescription for making real inroads to stem the diabetes epidemic in Native American and Alaska Native communities.

"This will make a resounding difference in the lives of American Indians and Alaska Native families," said Roubideaux, a past president of the Association of American Indian Physicians.

"This is a job all of us must take part in. American Indians and Alaska Natives do not have to suffer from diabetes and its complications. Knowing how to eat healthy and increase physical activity to lose a small amount of weight are the keys to longer, healthier lives. We must get the word out that type 2 diabetes prevention is proven, possible and powerful," said Roubideaux.

Opened in April of this year, the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center offers a full range of services, from vision care to nutrition and exercise consultation, are available at the 8,500 square foot .

"We were motivated to build this center because Native Americans have a very high incidence of diabetes, and it can have a wide range of devastating health effects," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Our ability to provide complete services in one location is not merely a matter of convenience, it is essential to help diabetic patients preserve their overall health and maintain the highest possible quality of life."

Services available include inpatient diabetic assessment, vision care, podiatry clinic, dental clinic, gestational diabetes care, diabetes education, nutrition and exercise education and more.

The *Healthy Choices* clinic at the DCC allows patients to have all routine tests and checkups performed in one morning. Patients may visit an optometrist, podiatrist, pharmacist, exercise counselor and participate in group discussion of nutrition and menu planning.

Healthy Choices participants also receive a yearly educational update, including information about laboratory studies, group discussion of diabetes complications and treatment goals and group behavioral health discussion on emotional consequences of living with diabetes.

Another effort aimed at the prevention of diabetes and other health risks is the Moccasin Trails program. Participants in the Moccasin Trails program can earn T-shirts, shorts, gym bags, sports games, cookbooks, even walking shoes by simply taking part in a regular exercise program.

Beyond these physical incentives, the program offers "help, hope and support all along the way," according to Moccasin Trails director Anona McCullar.

"I tell people life is a matter of choices, so why not make healthier choices," said McCullar, who has lost more than 50 pounds since she made the move toward a healthier lifestyle several years ago.

Participants in the Moccasin Trails program earn "miles" by keeping a record of the number of minutes they exercise. A wide variety of activities, including walking, running, weight training, playing basketball, bicycling, bowling, gardening and more count toward total "miles."

Participants receive a log book to record their progress as well as an abundance of material on proper diet and exercise.

More than 250 people are currently participating in the program, many of them seniors.

Health clinics located throughout the tribe's 13-county area offer convenient access to a variety of medical services, including routine tests and checkups, as well as information on preventive health measures.

A healthy, nutritious lunch is available daily free of charge for those 60 and over at senior nutrition centers in eight locations throughout the Chickasaw Nation. Periodic health screenings are also available monthly at the centers.

Community Health Representatives provide a variety of services including education on preventive health care measures, home health care services, scheduling and providing transportation to medical appointments, delivering prescription medicines and translating label instructions when necessary.

The CHR program also collaborates with the injury prevention department to provide community education and injury prevention services, including home safety inspections, rabies clinics, bike safety rodeos, child safety seat classes, gun safety

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Dr. Griffin Rogers, from the National Institutes of Health, Kennedy Brown, Tom John and Debra Jim participate in the exercise session during the August 10 "We Have the Power to Prevent Diabetes" kick off event at Carl Albert Indian Hospital.

Farmers' Markets providing fresh produce to Chickasaws

Many people are taking advantage of benefits from the Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market Program. Over 100 area farmers at markets across the Chickasaw Nation participate.

ADA, Okla. – This year alone, over 4,500 people have benefited from the Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market Program. To heighten awareness of the availability of area markets, Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture by celebrating National Farmers' Market Week.

The Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market Program offers benefits to Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants and to eligible senior citizens.

"The increased nutritional benefits for program recipients include healthier children, pregnant women and Native American elders in our communities," said Jennifer Hayes, tribal program coordinator. "Healthier recipients mean healthier infants and families.º Healthier families lead to healthier lifestyles."

In honor of the week, the nutrition services department conducted an on-site food demonstration at the Ada Farmers' Market. Market patrons were offered samples and recipes for strawberry-peach smoothies and peach cream pies.

The Chickasaw Nation WIC Farmers' Market Program offers $20 per year per WIC participant to use at local farmers' markets or farm stands. The WIC program provides supplemental foods, health care referrals and nutrition education at no cost to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum women. The program also benefits, infants six months and older and children up to five years of age, who are found to be at nutritional risk.

"The Farmers' Market WIC program has seen much success since its inception some nine years ago," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "Farmers' markets and farm stands are not only beneficial to program participants, but also to area farmers and local economies."

The Chickasaw Nation Senior Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is a new program in which grants are awarded to states, U.S. territories and Indian tribal governments to provide coupons to low-income seniors that may be exchanged for eligible foods at farmers' markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs.

An additional nutrition program offers assistance to seniors who are 100 percent disabled.

Seniors are allotted $100 per year per participant to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables through the program, which lasts until Oct. 31.

Program participants receive checks to purchase produce at farmers' markets in Ada, Ardmore, Durant, Noble, Purcell, OKC/OSU, McAlester and others.

Communities with farms stands participating in the program include: Sulphur, Tishomingo, Pauls Valley, Davis, Calvin, Comanche, Rush Springs, as well as others.

The number of farmers' markets in the United States has grown dramatically in recent years, prompting local, regional and national advocates of local farming to designate a week each year to take note of their benefits. Sales generated by these markets have been estimated to exceed $1 billion a year, with most of the money going directly to small family farms.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market Programs, call (888) 436-7255.

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Tribal Farmers' Market Program staff member Carla Eidson talks to Richard Romero, of Stonewall, Okla., as he reads the recipe for the strawberry-peach smoothie he's enjoying. Also assisting at the food booth is registered dietitian Melanie Todd.

Chickasaw Nation, Ada Lion's Club complete free health screenings

ADA, Okla. — Over 175 people took advantage of free health screenings offered Aug. 11 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center. The event was a cooperative effort of the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHRs) and the Ada Lions Club to help educate and inform the population and to help area residents avoid potential health risks.

Screenings for diabetes, glaucoma, hearing, visual acuity, bone density and blood pressure were open to the public. Many screenings were conducted in the Oklahoma Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit (MHSU).

These screenings were not intended to diagnose a condition, but if an irregularity was detected participants were referred to their health care provider for further evaluation.

Informative booths were also at the health screening event. Some of those organizations included: Pfizer, the Get Fresh program, the Diabetes Care Center and the horticulture program.

Health education is an important part of the work of the CHR program. CHRs provide a variety of services including home health care services, scheduling and providing transportation to medical appointments, delivering prescription medicines and translating label instructions when necessary.

Chickasaw Nation CHR Brenda Hughes tests Ben Willis' blood sugar at the free health screening.

Since its debut in 1998, the $200,000 Oklahoma Lions MHSU has visited numerous locations throughout Oklahoma. The screening unit is a joint project of the more than 230 Oklahoma Lions Clubs and BlueCross BlueShield of Oklahoma, which has made generous financial contributions to its annual operation. The MHSU is owned by the nonprofit Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation. It was purchased and equipped by donations and grants from the Lions Clubs International Foundation, many Oklahoma Lions Clubs, companies and individuals.

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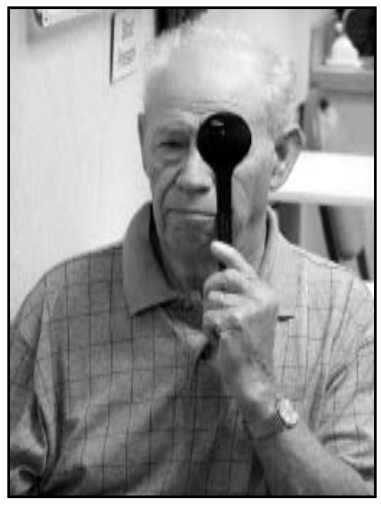

Mearl Gregory, of Stonewall, Okla., takes his turn reading the vision chart inside the Mobile Health Screening Unit.

'5 A Day Month' means choosing fruit, veggies, exercise

Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services urges individuals to be good role models at home, at school and while eating out

As the school year kicks off, Oklahoma is urging parents to "Lead the Way: Choose Fruits, Vegetables and Physical Activity" during National 5 A Day Month in September. Parents can help reverse the trends in childhood obesity, high blood pressure and type II diabetes by "leading the way" at home, at their children's schools and when eating out.

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services department is planning cooking demonstrations at the Ada, Ardmore and Purcell Farmers' Markets. Displays, drawings and food samples are also scheduled at WIC clinics and Nutrition Centers throughout the month.

To help parents get started, Oklahoma is providing new information and health tools, including a set of checklists to help parents assess the health environment in their home and at their children's school, as well as action steps parents can take to make sure fruits and vegetables are always available to their children.

All Americans should eat five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables a day for better health and get at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity most days of the week.

Reversing Troubling Child Health Trends: Start At Home

Obesity rates have doubled in children and tripled in adolescents over the last two decades, with one in seven young people now obese and one in three now overweight.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, poor diet and physical inactivity are among the leading causes of preventable death in the United States. Healthy lifestyles – staying active and eating a healthy diet rich in fruits and vegetables – can help reverse this trend. Yet most Americans – adults and children alike – don't eat the recommended five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables a day. It's important for people to "lead the way" to a healthy future for children by eating healthfully themselves. Studies show that parents who encourage their child to eat fruits and vegetable actually eat more fruits and vegetables themselves.

At home, parents can:

· Engage kids in the grocery shopping, from putting their fruit and vegetable favorites on the list to bagging their choices in the grocery store's produce section.

· Keep a fresh fruit bowl on the table or counter, and keep easy-to-grab-and-eat vegetables in the refrigerator.

· Serve two vegetables with dinner.

Making a Difference In Schools

The majority of children eat lunch made at school. In 2003, the National Lunch Program served over 4 billion lunches to children around the United States. Parents and guardians should know what their children are eating at school, where they spend much of their day. Recent programs in schools show that when fruits and vegetable are added to the food choices throughout the day – including salad bars at lunch and snacks in the classroom – children and teens eat them and get closer to eating the amounts of fruits and vegetable needed for good health.

Parents have the power to make sure there is an abundance of appealing fruit and vegetable choices offered at schools, in cafeterias, in the classroom and in vending machines and school stores. For example, parents can:

· Visit the school at lunchtime to see what's offered as part of the lunch program and find out what's available in vending machines, school stores and as part of fundraisers.

· Make their healthful desires known to their teachers, or help them write a letter to do this themselves.

· Bring fresh fruit treats for birthday and other parties at school – what kid wouldn't love a big slice of watermelon for someone's birthday, or a cup of fresh, juicy berries?

National 5 A Day Month in September is the perfect time of year for the whole family to learn more about the importance of eating fruits and vegetables and work together to meet the five to nine a day recommendations. For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services at (580) 436-7255.

Congressman's tour

During his Aug. 12 trip to Ada, Chickasaw Congressman Tom Cole (R-Okla.) toured the Chickasaw Nation Health System. Tribal Information Technology Chief Information Officer Terry Clark visits with Health System Administrator Bill Lance, Congressman Tom Cole and Division of Commerce CEO Brian Campbell about the tribe's communications equipment housed in the Health System building.

Congressman Tom Cole (R-Okla.) visits the tribal Diabetes Care Center in Ada. While looking around, he said he was impressed with the new center. Exercise therapy and educationare two of many services available for routine diabetic patients.

Letter to Editor:

I am writing an open letter to any and all NA nations I can reach. I would appreciate your consideration for the following to be printed in your publication and/or website:

I am writing to plead to my fellow Native Americans across the country to make sure they vote on November 2, 2004. This is a very important election for this country we so love.

We currently have a president who does not care about Native American values and conditions anymore than he cares for the environment. Presently, almost 15% of Native American homes do not have electricity. Over 1/3 of Native Americans – that translates to more than 600,000 native peoples – live below poverty level. And at least 70% of working-age Native Americans is unemployed. These figures are staggering and further prove that we are not a great concern of the current presidential administration.

This can change with the election of John Kerry and John Edwards on November 2nd. Senator Kerry has sworn to increase funding for better education and health care for Native Americans. He has vowed to create and provide financing for better roads and housing on reservation land. And he will make tribal communities and Native Americans an important, contributing part of his administration.

Compared to the existing conditions of reservations and the lack of respect and honor our current President and his administration show towards Native Americans, John Kerry has a reasonable and reachable plan for our future and the future of our children. However, he needs our votes if he is to succeed.

If you do not feel your vote will count, remember this: Al Gore won New Mexico in 2000 by only 366 votes. With Native Americans making up over 15% of the eligible voters in New Mexico, it's apparent those votes were the ones that allowed Gore to beat Bush. Your vote will count!

Teresa Santagata

Member of Turtle Mtn. Band of Ojibwa (Chippewa) Indians, North Dakota

Currently of Pawtucket, RI

Low-cost legal services available to Indians, others

While legal services can often be very expensive, many organizations offer free or low-cost legal services to low-income individuals and families. Some organizations concentrate on Indian legal issues, while a wide variety of services are available through others.

Contact information and an abbreviated description (from organization Web sites) of the services available through some of those programs are listed below.

Legal Services Corporation

Legal Services Corporation funds 143 legal aid programs around the nation to help poor Americans gain equal access to the judicial system.

Legal services cases arise out of the everyday problems of the poor. Usually they relate to matters of family law, housing, employment, government benefits, or consumer problems. Left unresolved, these problems can cost society much more than the expense of legal services to address them.

Therefore LSC, which receives 100 percent of its budget from Congress, supports a strong federal role in the funding of legal services so the poor will have somewhere to turn when in crisis.

Legal Services Corporation
3333 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20007-3522
phone 202.295.1500
fax 202.337.6797
www.lsc.gov
e-mail **info@lsc.gov.**

Legal Services Corporation programs in Oklahoma:

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services Inc.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services is a nonprofit legal aid organization providing legal services to low-income Native Americans residing in Oklahoma. OILS represents Indian people in civil proceedings that result directly from the person's Indian status. OILS also works to inform the Indian population in Oklahoma by providing community education to Native American tribes and groups.

Company Profile

OILS is funded by the Legal Services Corporation in Washington D.C. The Legal Services Corporation is a nonprofit organization established by Congress to provide legal assistance to indigent people. Oklahoma Indian Legal Services is also funded by the Oklahoma Bar Foundation, the Combined Federal Campaign, the Oklahoma Legal Services Revolving Fund, and private contributions.

When the low income of Native Americans is combined with the complex and sometimes archaic laws that deal specifically with Tribes and Tribal members, legal tragedy can result. The attorneys and staff at OILS are the only legal organization providing free legal services in Indian law cases to low-income Oklahoma Indians.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services is one of only eight legal aid programs nationally that deals exclusively with Indian status problems. OILS attorneys represent Native Americans statewide from a central location in Oklahoma City. They represent clients in tribal, state and federal court. They cannot go outside the state boundaries.

Not all applicants are accepted for services. Due to limited funds and the small number of available attorneys, OILS must carefully choose the cases and clients it accepts for representation.

Selection guidelines are based on gross income, the number of people in the household, and outstanding debt. Certain limited exceptions apply to the guidelines. Applicants must be low income. The case cannot be criminal. The matter must be related to the Indian status of the applicant. If the case is fee generating, OILS will usually refer the applicant to the private bar.

Tribes and Indian organizations may be represented by OILS if their group fits certain requirements. The tribe or organization must show that they lack the resources to hire a private attorney and that their legal problem has a significant impact on the rights of the general Indian population. Tribes may also contract with OILS to deliver certain services, such as the preparation of tribal legal codes. In those cases, OILS may be paid with tribal funds.

OILS concentrates on cases that are likely to have a significant positive impact on the Indian population as a whole. OILS concentrates its efforts in five general areas:

1.) Indian Child Welfare, including adoptions and guardianships of children.

2.) Housing, including Indian housing authorities, MHO problems and habitability issues.

3.) Natural Resources, including trust or restricted land problems, mineral interests, probates, wills and determinations of heirship.

4.) Tribal Sovereignty and

5.) Individual Rights, including education, access to healthcare, discrimination and Indian Civil Rights Act cases.

OILS selects cases from these areas that are likely to protect the legal rights of Oklahoma's Indian population. OILS has been instrumental in improving federal allottee oil and gas law; in revamping social security laws to protect trust land; and in defending parental, tribal and children's rights under the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services
4200 Perimeter Center Drive, Suite 222
Oklahoma City, OK 73112
(800) 658-1497
www.oilsonline.org

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma
2915 Classen Boulevard, Suite 110
Oklahoma City, OK 73106
(405) 557-0020
www.legalaidok.org

National Association of Indian Legal Services Inc.

This site provides a listing of Indian legal services across the nation
www.judicare.org/nails.html
Wisconsin Judicare
300 Third Street, Suite 210
PO Box 6100
Wausau, WI 54402-6100
715-842-1681 (Voice or TDD)
800-472-1638 (Voice or TDD)
Fax: 715-848-1885
info@judicare.org

National Legal Aid & Defender Association
1140 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036
(Phone) 202.452.0620 | (Fax) 202.872.1031
www.nlada.org

Oklahoma Supreme Court Network

The Oklahoma Supreme Court

*See **Legal Services,** page 31*

Trail of Tears Association

9th Annual Conference & Symposium
October 25 - 28, 2004
Cherokee Hills Resort and Casino
Catoosa, Oklahoma

Tours:
- Will Rogers Memorial Tour
- Gilcrease Museum Tour
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tour

Conference Fee (includes all events. In addition, non-member registrations include a TOTA membership through December 31, 2004.)
Early bird (Postmarked by September 25, 2004) $85 TOTA member/$120 non-member
Later or on-site (after Sept. 25, 2004) $115 TOTA member/$150 non-member

Presentation Topics
- Cherokee Removal
- Chickasaw Removal
- Choctaw Removal
- Muscogee (Creek) Removal
- Seminole Removal
- Moravian Archives
- Moravian and Cherokee Women
- Legality of Removal
- Current Research and Projects
- Keynote speakers: Chief A.D. Ellis (Creek Nation), Chief Ken Chambers (Seminole Nation), Governor Bill Anoatubby (Chickasaw Nation), Chief Chad Smith (Cherokee Nation)

For more information call toll free: 1-800-441-4513 email: TOTAJerra@aol.com or visit the website: www.nationalTOTA.

The Trail of Tears Association's mission is to promote and engage in the protection and preservation of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail resources; to promote awareness of the Trail's legacy; and to perpetuate the management and development techniques that are consistent with the National Park Service's trail plan.

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Network offers links to the electronic law library of Oklahoma as well as information about the Alternative Dispute Resolution System in Oklahoma. Call 1-877-521-6677 if you are unable to contact the program you are needing.

www.oscn.org

The Alternative Dispute Resolution System in Oklahoma is currently made up of twelve community-based mediation centers (Early Settlement) and eleven programs developed by state agencies.

The purpose of the system, as stated in the Act is "to provide to all citizens of this state convenient access to dispute resolution proceedings which are fair, effective, inexpensive, and expeditious." The Act also anticipates that "such proceedings can also help alleviate the backlog of cases which burden the judicial system in this state."

Oklahoma Bar Association

P.O. Box 53036, 1901 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73152-3036

Phone (405) 416-7000; Fax (405) 416-7001

www.okbar.org

Oklahoma Legal Aid Website

This website offers access to free legal help. You can find answers to legal questions or find lawyers and legal offices that provide free or low cost legal help for low-income Oklahomans. This site provides information and links to more than 40 locations across Oklahoma that offer either free or low cost legal services or will refer you to those who do offer such services.

www.oklaw.org

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc. - Headquarters and Administration

2901 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 110, Oklahoma City, OK 73106

405-557-0020

www.legalaidok.org

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc. - Hotline

423 S. Boulder, Suite 200, Tulsa, OK 74103

918-428-4357

www.legalaidok.org or www.oklaw.org

Adult Protective Services

P.O. Box 25352, Oklahoma City, OK 73125

(405) 521-3660

AIDS Legal Resource Project

2915 N. Classen Blvd., #110, Oklahoma City, OK 73106

405-557-0020/Hotline: 866-817-8151

Catholic Charities

1501 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK 73106

405-526-3000

Colorado Christian Services of Oklahoma

PO Box 36000/2100 E. Memorial Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73136

405-478-3362

Domestic Violence Intervention Services

4300 South Harvard, Tulsa, OK 74135

(918) 585-3163

www.dvis.org

Farmworker Law Center

506 Frisco, P.O. Box 966, Clinton, OK 73601

580-323-6450

Lawyer Referral Service

1446 S. Boston, Tulsa, OK 74119

918-587-6014

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

Neighbor for Neighbor Legal Clinic

1506 E. 46th North , Tulsa, OK 74126

(918)425-5571

This group does not provide legal representation in court.

Oklahoma Alternative Resources, Inc.

2121 East 51st Street, Suite 226, Tulsa, OK 74105

(918) 742-8883

www.oklahomaalternativeresources.org

Oklahoma Disability Law Center

2828 E. 51, Tulsa, OK 74105

(918)743-6220

Tulsa Lawyers for Children

1718 S. Cheyenne, Tulsa, OK 74119

918-585-1711

University of Oklahoma Legal Clinic

300 Timberdell Rd., Room 2020, Norman, OK 73019

(405)325-3702

University of Tulsa Boesche Legal Clinic

600 S. College, Tulsa, OK 74104

918-631-5799

Women's Service & Family Resource Center

P.O. Box 1539, Chickasha, OK 73023

405-222-1818

YWCA Women's Resource Center

1608 S. Elwood, Tulsa, OK 74119

918-587-0200

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Answers to Chickasaw History Quiz from page 24

1. C. The Chickasaw don't have an origin story, per se. The Chickasaws' origin is really contained in the Chickasaw migration story. When Chikasah and his followers decided to split off from his brother Chatah over a dispute about where to settle, the Chickasaw materialized as a tribe.

2. A. Although Piomingo met with the Spanish and even signed a treaty with the Spanish colonialists, Piomingo's allegiance and heart was with the Americans and George Washington who honored Piomingo with a presidential peace medal.

3. B. The first Chickasaw Nation west of the Mississippi was created in 1855. D is almost correct; the constitution was drafted in 1856. The Chickasaw tracked down and defeated the Comanche in 1865. And in the minds of some, the war (or at least verbal jousting) with the Choctaws still goes on.

4. D. Emil Farve, Gov. Overton James's administrative assistant, secured a federal grant in the mid-1970s to test the feasibility of growing tomatoes commercially at Kullihoma. Farve said that thousands of tomatoes grew like "gangbusters," but that the man in charge of the tribe's economic development did not find a market, so many of them rotted on the vine. Those that sold at roadside stands, according to Farve, were referred to tongue-in-cheek as the "$200 tomatoes."

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing

For You.....

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing offers you a full range of home loan products in addition to the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program.

Did you know that on virtually every kind of loan the seller can pay part of your closing cost? Has anyone taken the time to sit down with you and explain the process from start to finish or exactly what your closing costs actually are? Would you like personal, one on one attention to every detail?

Did you know that the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing is your ONLY source for the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan? HOWEVER, if you are Native American, and live in the Chickasaw Nation service area, we also have a loan product for you!

Chuka Chukmasi

For Chickasaws ANYWHERE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES! Down payment and closing cost assistance is available. Homebuyer education is required!

HUD 184

Available to any Tribe living in the Chickasaw Nation service area. This is a Native American loan and allows part of the closing costs to be financed into the loan. Borrowers need 2-3% of the purchase price of their own funds. These may be gifted funds or even a grant from their own tribe. No second mortgages are allowed on this loan. Homebuyer education is required!

MyCommunityMortgage

This is community homebuyer loan. While there are income guidelines in certain areas, there are no income guidelines in underserved, low and moderate income or minority census tracts and central cities. Borrower investment can be as little as $500 and community seconds are allowable as a source of funds for closing costs. Homebuyer education is required.

VA Loans

If you are a Native American Veteran and have never used your VA eligibility to purchase a home, you may do so through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. VA Loans offer the veteran 100% financing.

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Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Wanda Blackwood Scott recused herself; Did not vote

General Resolution Number 21-079

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

(Tribal Tract-McAlester Watershed)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Jay Petroleum Inc., 6801 Broadway Extension, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as: S/2 SE/4; S/2 NW/4 SE/4; S/2 SW/4; S/2 N/2 SW/4 of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 14 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 220 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years at $211.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $660., of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $165.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Wanda Blackwood Scott recused herself; Did not vote

General Resolution Number 21-080

Seismic Permit in Latimer County

Explanation: This resolution approves a seismic permit across property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations described as follows: N/2 SE/4; NW/4 SW/4 SE/4; S/2 SW/4 SE/4 of Section 5, Township 6 North, Range 21 East, Latimer County, containing 110.00 acres, more or less, in favor of Veritas DGC Land Inc., P.O. Box 744, Poteau, Oklahoma 74953, for an access fee of $15.00 per acre for a total of $1,650.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 412.50, for a term of one (1) year from the date of approval.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-081

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Bryan County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Achille, Bryan County, Oklahoma, described as Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in Block 85, Town of Achille, Bryan County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-082

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 13.03 acres, more or less, in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as All of the NW/4 of the NW/4 of the SW/4 and Part of the SW/4 of the Sw/4 of the NW/4 all in Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 6 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number 21-083

Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County

Explanation: This resolution approves the acceptance of real property from MegaBingo, Inc., containing 70 acres, more or less, in Thackerville, Love County, Oklahoma and described as: NE/4 of the NE/4 and the N/2 of the SE/4 of the NE/4 and the SE/4 of the SE/4 of the NE/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 2 East, Love County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-084

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Madill, Marshall County, Oklahoma, located at 212 West Lillie, and described as the W/2 Lot 2 Block 16, City of Madill, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear expected. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 21-085

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 5 acres, more or less, in Kingston, Marshall County, Oklahoma, located on Highway 70, and described as Part of the SW/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 6 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 21-086

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Pauline Brown

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Pauline Brown to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Brown has served on the board for many years.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-087

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Kennedy Brown

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Kennedy Brown to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Brown has served on the board for many years.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

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Letter to Editor:

Dear Editor:

I always enjoy reading Richard Green's articles which are very interesting and scholarly.

Therefore, I was a little surprised in his July, 2004 article on James Adair to read the statement that Adair's theory ("that American Indians had descended from the ancient Hebrews") is "so not true" and that 20th century scholars have not agreed with Adair.

Just because some Native North and South Americans may have descended from ancient Hebrews does no necessarily mean they all have. Attached is a bibliography of about 50 books, numerous of which are 20th century scholars whose research supports the theory that some Indian tribes may have descended from the Hebrews, excerpts from which are found in The Americas Before Columbus, complied by Dewey Farnswoth, 3rd Edition, 1952. I'll be glad to send a copy of the attached bibliography to any readers who want one.

Numerous other 20th century scholars have complied extensive evidence. For example, in 1985 doctoral candidate in linguistics Brian Stubbs compared all Semitic languages with Uto-Aztecan tongues on the North American continent and found 203 equivalences between the two language families with more than 200 additional Hebrew roots. For example, Hebrew yasav, "he sat or dwelt," is very similar to Hopi yesiva, "to sit."

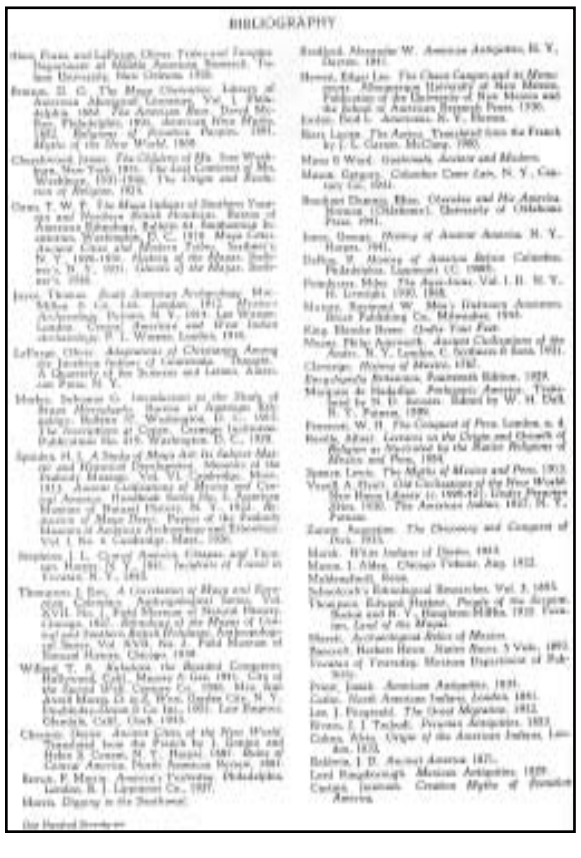
That people traveled back and forth across the oceans long before Columbus is no loner in dispute. For example, in 1988 John Sorenson and Martin Raish compiled a 900 page bibliography, Transoceanic Culture Contact Between the Old and New Worlds in PreColumbian Times: A Comprehensive Annotated Bibliography, containing nearly 6,000 citations, including hundreds of references to early boats and sailing.

In 1972 Near East scholar Cyrus Gordon claimed the "Bat Creek" inscription on a small stone excavated in eastern Tennessee in 1889 was Hebrew from around the time of Christ instead of Cherokee as was previously thought. J.H. McCulloch, in the *Tennessee Anthropologist* analyzed the matter in detail and concluded that the marks fit better with Hebrew and Cherokee. Maybe they are related.

Black's Law Dictionary reminds us that circumstantial evidence is any evidence not given by testimony on personal knowledge, and may be very strong and sufficient to reach a conclusion based on the circumstances.

For example, Lord Kingsborough found so many evidences of biblical stories among Indians that he concluded:

It is unnecessary to attempt in this place to trace out any further scriptural analogies in the traditions and mythology of the New World, since the coincidences which have already been mentioned are sufficiently strong to warrant the conclusion that the Indians, at a period long antecedent to the arrival of the Spainards in America, were acquainted with a portion at least of the Old Testament. (Antiquities of Mexico, Volume 4, London: Robert Havell, 1831-1848, p. 409)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As for direct evidence or personal testimony, we have the testimony of Lehi, Nephi, Jacob and others that Lehi's family (Tribe of Joseph) and Mulek, son of Zedekiah, King of Judah, left Jerusalem at different times (about 600 B.C. and 589-587 B.C., respectively) and came to the American Continents. These personal testimonies are believed by about 13 million human beings all over the world, including over a million of their descendants in Mexico alone, who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Therefore, evidence of both personal knowledge and circumstances indicates that some Indian tribes may be descended from the ancient Hebrews, a theory not to be dismissed, but to be more thoroughly investigated by all who sincerely seek greater truth and knowledge.

Sincerely,
Bradford S. Baker
Ayukpachi Toksali'

Attracting tourism dollars

How Oklahoma is viewed from the United Kingdom

Christy Bryan

By Christy Bryan

Our cities benefit from tourism. How we are viewed by people outside the United States can affect the amount of tourists we have coming into Oklahoma. In this article, I will explore how Oklahoma is viewed by people from the United Kingdom and what we can do to improve that view and increase visitors to our state.

"It's right above Texas."

I have lived in the United Kingdom for about a year now. When people hear my accent they immediately ask me where I'm from. When I reply that I was born and raised in Oklahoma, I get one of two replies. They break into song, Rodgers and Hammerstein style, or they give me a very puzzled look. This puzzled look, I have learned, means that they've never heard of Oklahoma.

I state "It's right above Texas on the map." And the light bulb clicks on and they nod and smile. Most Britons love the old "Dallas" television series so they know Texas well. It boggles my mind that people in the world have never heard of Oklahoma. The ones who have, think that all the residents are cowboys or Indians and that we still ride horses everywhere and that it's just like the Wild West.

Being the natural born ambassador that I am, I immediately try to bestow upon them the wonderful qualities of my home state. I tell them that no, we don't get around in covered wagons, and yes we do have movie theatres and in fact, we have fabulous museums, sports attractions, lakes, and a rich cultural heritage.

"I've been to Florida."

An estimated 95% of people I meet that have been to the States have only been to Florida. Florida is a mecca to the British people and they think the whole of the US is like the Sunshine State. I tell them they are missing out on so very much more that the States has to offer. In doing so, I realise that there could be such a benefit to Oklahoma if we have more travellers spending their tourism dollars there.

We have the hot sunny weather they crave and such a vast array of entertainment from high tech IMAX theatres to the Rodeo at the Lazy E. There's something for everyone.

Attracting Visitors from Abroad

How do we solve this problem of so many people never hearing of Oklahoma and attracting them to visit our state? The British are infatuated with the Native American culture. I myself am a registered Chickasaw and having a minor degree in Native American Fine Arts History from the University of Oklahoma, I am more than happy to dispel some of the incorrect stereotypes and educate them on the reality of Native American culture.

The most common stereotype here is the belief that all Native Americans are these mystical almost mythical new age spiritual people. Because they've never met a real one, they look at me with awe. It's not just Britons either, most Europeans I have met are equally infatuated.

If we capitalise on this infatuation, we could attract so many more European visitors to Oklahoma. First, we need to use the mass power of the Internet to promote the fact that we are here. I proudly view the advertising for travel to Oklahoma on Yahoo.com when I check my email. It's a good start. More advertising featuring our rich Native American culture to European web sites could interest visitors to come and explore our cities and spend their Euros.

With the exchange rate currently at $1.78 to £1.00, and the excellent value that Oklahoma presents when compared to holidays in New York or Florida, Oklahoma Towns and Cities could be quite an attractive alternative.

"It's just below Oklahoma."

Oklahoma cities are building some fabulous websites. With a little promotion asking European and UK travel and tourism websites to add a link to their city's website, the word will get around that we have so much to offer. It takes just a few minutes to find travel websites via a search engine (try www.yahoo.co.uk and www.google.co.uk) and it is usually free to submit a link to be added to a website. This will at least help spread the word about what our cities have to offer.

I believe that once people in the UK and Europe start to explore the Native American culture attractions, they will also learn about the many other great activities, places and events that Oklahoma has to offer. Then one day my dream of a Texan moving to the UK and having to answer the popular question of "where is Texas?" with "It's just below Oklahoma on the map" may come true.

Christy Bryan is a Chickasaw living in England, where she is a dressage trainer and horseowner.

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9 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to call for the question carried.

General Resolution Number 21-067, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Mr. Scott Colbert explained GR21-070 and GR21-067 were to purchase property surrounding the Capitol Complex.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR21-067. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Mrs. Hartman stated in the past she had supported the land acquisitions, however, she could not support legislation to purchase property without knowing the price. Mrs. Alexander was in agreement with Mrs. Hartman.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holy Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-067 carried.

General Resolution Number 21-068, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 1.38 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-068. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holy Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-068 carried.

General Resolution Number 21-069, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County

This resolution approves the acceptance of real property from MegaBingo, Inc.,for a tract of land located in Love County, Oklahoma, containing approximately 216.749 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-069. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holy Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR21-069 carried.

General Resolution Number 21-070, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-070. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holy Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-070 carried.

General Resolution Number 21-071, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 2.26 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-071. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holy Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-071 carried.

General Resolution Number 21-072, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 28 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-072. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holy Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-072 carried.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

Chairperson Briggs asked for a report of the elder care project.

Mrs. McManus reported a committee met with representatives who were conducting a feasibility study. A tour was taken of an assisted living facility. The study is expected to completed by December.

Mrs. Green noted elders would be interviewed in September to find out what they expected of such a facility. Mrs. Green concluded her report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) HISTORICAL CAPITOLAD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott reported the capitol building was expected to be completed by the time of the Chickasaw Festival in October.

(I) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 21-023, Amendments to Title 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Courts and Procedures)

This resolution amends rules and procedures for the Chickasaw Nation courts to correct inconsistencies and further define protective orders.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holy Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR21-023 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mrs. Alexander announced she received a compliment from the recipient of the Millennium Scholarship. The family was very grateful for the scholarship.

Dr. Goforth Parker asked for input from the Legislators dealing with keeping the confidentiality regarding land acquisitions.

Mr. Tim Colbert recommended a strategic planning committee be formed to see in what ways the Nation could assist citizens living outside the boundaries.

Mr. James Humes commented on an article that appeared in the Friday *Daily Oklahoman* regarding gaming.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

CHICKASAW ANNUAL MEETING & FESTIVAL

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Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-088

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Glenda Galvan

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Glenda Galvan to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. This will be Ms. Galvan's fourth term of the board.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-089

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

J. Wenonah Gunning

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. J. Wenonah Gunning to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Gunning has served on the board for many years.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-090

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society

Jeannie Barbour

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Jeannie Barbour to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. This will be Ms. Barbour's third three-year term.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 20-091

Approval of Consolidated Tribal Budget - Fiscal Year 2005

Explanation: This resolution approves the Tribal Budget in the amount of $1,829,502 and the Consolidated Tribal Budget in the amount of $3,581,339 for Fiscal Year 2005.

Requested by: D. Scott Colbert, Chairman Finance Committee

Presented by: D. Scott Colbert, Chairman Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 21-024

Amendments to Title 19 the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Good Samaritan Act)

Explanation: This resolution provides for a Good Samaritan Act to be codified in Title 19 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Requested by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Obituaries

Jonce Thomas

Services for Jonce Thomas, 73, were Aug. 4, 2004, at St. Michaels Church, Livermore, Calif. Burial followed in Memory Gardens, Livermore.

He died July 29, 2004. He was born June 21, 1931, to John and Julia Thomas at Roff, Okla.

He was a cowboy his entire life, a contractor for over 30 years and resided in Livermore for the last 23 years.

He was preceded in death by three sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Thomas; a daughter, Jeanette Souza and son-in-law Joseph Souza; a son, Kenneth Thomas and daughter-in-law, Doris Thomas; daughter, Tammy Eliseian; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Jo Green, Ada, Okla., Betty Lionberger, Camarillo, Calif., and Edna Hernandez, and Oxnard, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made to Feed the Children, 3333 N. Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73107, (405) 942-0228.

Ruben Clifford Wolf

Ruben Clifford Wolf, 78, of Kingston, Okla., died August 1, 2004. He was born May 1, 1926 at Randlett, Okla., to Able Bill and Winnie Gertrude Nesbitt Wolf.

Services were August 3, 2004 at the Watts Memorial Chapel, Madill, Okla., with Dan Clifton officiating. Interment took place in Shay Cemetery, Shay, Okla., under the direction of Watts Funeral Home, Madill.

Mr. Wolf was raised in Marshall County and later in life he lived in Denison, Texas for 10 to 15 years.

He married Donnie Lea Ellis. He was of Pentecostal faith and he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three sisters; and two brothers.

He is survived by his sons, Clifford Wolf, Kingston, Edward Wolf, Kingston, Royce Wolf, Powell, Okla., Roy Wolf, Sherwood Shores, Texas; his daughters, Lois Arterberry, South Mayd, Texas, Brenda Smith, Kingston, Joyce Hamilton, Tishomingo, Darlene Cryer, Powell, Paula Wolf, Powell, Gwen Smith, Powell; 29 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and his sister Estelline Easley, Cryerville, Okla.

Bearers were Mitchell Jones, Jason Wolf, Josh Cryer, David Wolf, Michael Cryer, and Waylon Moody. Honorary bearers were Michael McQueary, Tommy Smith and Terry Woodrum.

In memory of Bonnie Clark Brown

August 22, 1932 - September 10, 2003

Loving Mother, Grandmother, Sister and Aunt

We little knew that morning,
that God was going to call your name
In Life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone,
for part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide and
though we can not see you
You are always at our side

Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
The Chain will link again
We love and miss you,
Your Family

CHICKASAW ANNUAL MEETING & FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

August 29 – September 26, 2004 Chickasaw Art and Culture Exhibit
Five Week Series featuring Chickasaw Artists– each Sunday 1pm to 5pm
Jacobson House Native Art Center, 609 Chautauqua, Norman, OK
August 29, 2004 at 1p.m. – Opening & artist reception - 2005 CHS Artist Calendar Signing

Saturday, September 25, 2004

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Jr. Olympics (THS)
9 a.m. – until finished	Slow Pitch Softball Tournaments (MSC/JCSC)
9 a.m. – 5p.m.	Chickasaw Art Market (Jacobson House Native Art Center – Norman)
10 a.m.	Volleyball Tournament (MSC/JCSC
12:30 p.m. – until finished	Golf Tournament (Tishomingo Golf Course)
6 p.m. – until finished	Youth Night (Old Movie Theatre, Downtown Tishomingo)

Sunday, September 26, 2004

9 a.m. – 5p.m.	Chickasaw Art Market (Jacobson House Native Art Center – Norman)

Monday, September 27, 2004

6 p.m.	Chickasaw Princess Pageant (Cougar Activity Center – Ada)

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Chickasaw Bank Museum open
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Cultural Tours, Cultural Demonstrations (Capitol Grounds)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Kids' Fun to Learn Tent (Pennington Park)
4 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Cultural Evening (Kullihoma – Ada)
4 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Cultural Scout Night (Kullihoma – Ada)

Wednesday, September 29, 2004

9a.m. – 4 p.m.	Chickasaw Bank Museum open
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Youthful Celebration (Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Cultural Tours, Cultural Demonstrations (Capitol Grounds)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Kids' Fun to Learn Tent (Pennington Park)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts (Capitol Grounds)
Evening	JC Riding Club Rodeo (Tee Pee Arena, Tishomingo)

Thursday, September 30, 2004

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Youthful Celebration (Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge)
9a.m. – 4 p.m.	Chickasaw Bank Museum open
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Cultural Tours, Cultural Demonstrations (Capitol Grounds)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Kids' Fun to Learn Tent (Pennington Park)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts (Capitol Grounds)
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Chickasaw Artists Exhibition (Capitol Building, 2nd Floor)
6 p.m.	Hall of Fame Banquet (MSC Ballroom)
Evening	JC Riding Club Rodeo (Tee Pee Arena, Tishomingo)

Friday, October 1, 2004

8 a.m.– 3 p.m.	Youthful Celebration (Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge)
9a.m. – 4 p.m.	Chickasaw Bank Museum open
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Cultural Tours, Cultural Demonstrations (Capitol Grounds)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Kids' Fun to Learn Tent (Pennington Park)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts (Capitol Grounds)
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Chickasaw Artists Exhibition (Capitol Building, 2nd Floor)
4 p.m.	Talent Competition (Pennington Park)
7 p.m.	Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (JCSC/MSC)

Saturday, October 2, 2004

7 a.m.	5K Run & Walk Registration starts at 7 am with run to follow (Chickasaw Community Center Gym)
8 a.m.	Chickasaw Citizens Registration (MSC & Capitol Grounds)
9 a.m. – until finished	Chickasaw Annual Meeting (Fletcher Auditorium – MSC)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts (Capitol Grounds)
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Chickasaw Artists Exhibition (Capitol Building, 2nd Floor)
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Chickasaw Bank Museum Open
10 a.m.	Archery Tournament (MSC/JCSC)
11:30 a.m.– 5 p.m.	Band Day Extravaganza (THS)
11:30 a.m. – until finished	Parade (Main Street, Tishomingo)
Following parade	"Old West Shoot-out" in front of Chickasaw Bank Building
Following parade	Shuttle service begins. Scheduled route: Fletcher Auditorium (MSC), Johnston County Library, Pennington Park, Capitol Building Pick-up times posted at each stop.
Noon	Chickasaw Lunch (MSC Campus)
Noon	Horseshoe Tournament Registration (Pennington Park)
Noon – 5 p.m.	Pennington Park Activities Begin (Pennington Park)
Noon – 5 p.m.	Cultural Demonstrators (Capitol Grounds)
1 p.m.	Horseshoe Tournament
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Dance Troupe Demonstrations (Capitol Grounds)
6 p.m.	Gates Open for Country Concert (MSC Rodeo Arena)
Dusk	Fireworks Show and Lorrie Morgan Concert (MSC Rodeo Arena)

Sunday, October 3, 2004

9 a.m. – until finished	Final of Fast Pitch Tournament (MSC/JCSC)

MSC=Murray State College JCSC=Johnston County Sports Complex THS=Tishomingo High School

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